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Swap negotiation gap narrows

Israelis and UN step up pace of hostage talks

From Alan McGregor in Geneva and Ali Jaber in Beirut

WITH a potential hostage deal beginning to take shape, the United Nations secretary-general will today resume talks in Geneva with senior Israeli officials to overcome the remaining obstacles.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar yesterday expressed optimism that a deal would soon be reached which would allow seven Israeli servicemen missing in Lebanon to be sent home and the release of the remaining ten Western hostages.

After three days of talks, which have seen Israeli and Iranian officials flying to and from Geneva to discuss the issue with the UN leader, Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said yesterday that the gap between the negotiating teams was no longer that wide. "It is not an ocean. I would say a river," he said.

Last night Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, pledged in a letter to John Major that Israel will play a "constructive role" in seeking to secure the release of all hostages in Middle East. Downing Street sources described Mr Shamir's reply to Mr Major's message last week as "encouraging" and Sheikh Mohammad Husain Fadlallah, the spiritual leader of Hezbollah, the fundamentalist Muslim group, told the British ambassador in Lebanon that he was "very optimistic that the hostage dossier will be closed".

In a separate move, the Iranian news agency reported yesterday that Israel may release Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah cleric kidnapped by Israeli soldiers in 1989. A brief report quoted an "informed Muslim source" in Beirut as saying that the sheikh would "possibly be reunited with his family on Saturday". Israel has made it clear that it sees the sheikh as its main bargaining counter to win the release of the missing servicemen.

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a moderate faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, said yesterday that it would return the remains of Samil Assad, an Israeli Druze sergeant captured in 1983 during Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon. Daoud Talhami, a spokesman for the group, said that the soldier was killed during an Israeli bombing raid on a Lebanese base where he was being held in 1985.

Hezbollah joined in the moves to exchange detainees yesterday when it offered to free two Israeli soldiers held in its custody since 1986 in return for the release of hundreds of Arab detainees in Israel. The proposal may be thwarted, however, by the German government's silence on the fate of two Shia Muslim brothers held in its jails.

Islamic Jihad, which operates under the umbrella of Hezbollah, said in its letter to Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, that they would free all their hostages if the "detainees around the world" were released. The letter, delivered by John McCarthy, the British hostage held by the group for more than five years, set in motion the latest round of hostage talks.

Islamic Jihad's demand clearly includes Mohammad and Abbas Hamadi, the two Shia Muslim brothers held on terrorism charges in Germany, but the Bonn government's tough stance might prevent the release of Yossi Fink and Rahmin al-Sheikh, the two Israeli soldiers. The fate of the other four missing Israeli soldiers is still unclear.

Iran's ambassador to Germany said yesterday that two German hostages held in Lebanon would be freed if Bonn released the two Muslim brothers. Heinrich Struebig, aged 50, and Thomas Kemptner, aged 30, were taken hostage in May 1989 and have been held by the family of the Hamadi brothers.

A German government spokesman declined to comment on the possibility of an exchange yesterday, but the German foreign ministry said its top Middle East negotiator had been sent to Geneva to take part in contacts between Arabs, Israel and Western countries.

As Israeli government spokesmen played down reports of imminent breakthroughs, Uri Lubrani, Israel's co-ordinator for Lebanese affairs, met Mr Shamir to hammer out Israel's stance during today's talks.

Wohanan Bein, a veteran diplomat who joined Mr Lubrani during Sunday's initial meeting with the UN leader, emphasised yesterday that the Jewish state will only consider releasing nearly 400 Muslim prisoners once it has received clear indications that its seven servicemen are alive.

Uri Slonim, an adviser to Moshe Arens, the defence minister, said that while the UN leader's efforts "are producing a certain new momemtum, we still have not seen any proof that our seven men are alive".

Kamal Kharazzi, the Iranian ambassador to the UN, also flew home yesterday to report on his two-hour meeting with Señor Pérez de Cuéllar. The UN leader hopes that the Tehran government will be able to use its influence to resolve the hostage issue. He said he hoped that Mr Kharazzi would "convey my concerns about the situation of the Israelis, to which I give great importance, and I hope he will come back with something concrete on our common problem".

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ALAN WELLER

Living in hope: Shirley Richter, at her London home last night, awaits good news

Freedom hopes rise for Richter

By David Watts
Diplomatic Correspondent

JAVIER Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, encouraged optimism yesterday that Ian Richter, a British businessman held by the Iraqis, will soon be freed.

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said in Geneva that he had heard "positive sounds" on the case. He added: "Apparently the Iraqi charge d'affaires here wants to see me about the matter. I shall be only too pleased to see him."

A family spokesman said: "Optimism is not a word that applies, but there appears to be real movement." The Richter household was also happy at the improvement in the condition of his 17-year-old daughter, Jeanne, who was knocked down by a car near their home in Kew, west London.

Britain has made clear that freedom for Mr Richter, who was jailed for life in 1986 on bribery charges, would result in the freeing of some of Iraq's frozen assets in this country to allow the purchase of food and medicine.

But the foreign office yesterday reacted coolly to a Baghdad suggestion that Iraqi banknotes, printed in Britain, should be released. "The British government is determined to use all means possible to secure the release of Ian Richter," a statement said.

"This does not mean that we contemplate a weakening of the sanctions regime or a deal. We do not haggle over the future of innocent

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Rise in factory output signals recession's end, Treasury says

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

THE worst of the recession is over and the Chancellor's prediction of an economic recovery in the second half of the year will probably be proved right. This was the message drawn by Treasury officials from the latest figures on Britain's manufacturing output, published yesterday.

Manufacturing production rose by 0.2 per cent in June after falling the same amount the month before. Although the gain was a small one, it was much better than expected and, coming after Monday's report that retail sales advanced strongly in June, it convinced most City and government economists that the bottom of the recession had finally been plumbed. In June total industrial production jumped by 3 per cent largely as a result of a surge in North Sea oil activity.

"The recession may be over already – if not it will be over very soon," a Treasury spokesman said. Even the Confederation of British Industry, which had been arguing only two weeks ago that the recession was still deepening with no recovery in sight, agreed. "The industrial production figures indicate that manufacturing is close to bottoming out," it said.

Some economists noted, however, that one-month blips in manufacturing output had occurred repeatedly during the recession without signalling a change in the underlying trend. They also noted signs that the spring surge in business and consumer confidence had been reversed. The employment figures for July, published tomorrow, will give a further sign of the economy's direction.

Only the Labour Party saw no cause for optimism. "Manufacturing companies have found that demand and output have declined with no signs of recovery. The government should admit its responsibility for the present recession," Joyce Quin, shadow trade and industry spokesman, said.

The details of yesterday's figures did suggest reasons for caution. While manufacturing output improved in June, this gain followed two months of decline. In fact, upward blips of 0.2 per cent have occurred in the manufacturing statistics every three months since December, only to be followed by renewed falls.

The government also reported yesterday that the producer prices index increased by 0.3 per cent in July, lifting the annual rate of wholesale inflation to 5.9 per cent from 5.8 per cent. Excluding seasonal factors and the food, drink and tobacco components, the PPI increased by a disappointingly rapid 0.5 per cent. Year on year this index was unchanged at 5.2 per cent.

The stock market was strong again yesterday, with the FT-SE 100 index closing 15.5 points up at 2584.9. June's industrial output figures were better than expected, but there was some disappointment at the 0.3 per cent rise in July factory gate prices. Dealers are still wary of signs of inflation in the economy and are aware that interest rates are unlikely to fall in the near future.

Markets were undismayed, preferring to wait for a further statistics due over the next few days, and share prices put on a late spurt as Wall Street took off in early trading.

The pound barely stirred on the industrial production figures, however. The trade weighted index ended unchanged at 90.8. The pound slipped 0.15 cents against the dollar to close at $1.6940, but rose 0.42 pfennigs against the German mark to DM2.9314.

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Prince resigns as patron over museum architects

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

THE Prince of Wales has resigned as president of the patrons of the National Museums of Scotland over the selection of architects for a new museum in Edinburgh. The group was set up last year to raise money for the project.

The prince believes the public should have had a greater role in choosing the winning design and Buckingham Palace said yesterday that he had made his misgivings known when the selection process began last October.

The announcement was made after telephone calls between Buckingham Palace and the museum yesterday resulting in a statement minutes before a press conference giving the winner.

The statement said: "While respecting the trustees' decision to follow the open competition procedure, his Royal Highness has on more than one occasion expressed his concern that due weight be given to non-professional opinion, as well as to professional judgment, about the design of an important public building on this sensitive site in such a great city. As president of the patrons, His Royal Highness asked to be reassured on this point and to be kept informed of developments on a regular basis.

"By the nature of the competitive process adopted it has not been possible for His Royal Highness to take as active a role as he would have wished in commenting upon the design concept for the building."

The palace, however, made it clear that the prince's decision did not reflect on the worthiness of the winners, Benson and Forsyth. An exhibition of the six finalists' designs was opened at the museum only yesterday after the winner was made public. It is understood that the prince saw only the work of these six in designs sent to him.

The Museum of Scotland is to be built on a site next to the present Royal Museum of Scotland. The Marquess of Bute, chairman of the museum trustees, denied there had been insufficient consultation with non-architects. Half the selection committee of eight, which was chaired by the architect Sir Philip Dowson, were lay people. He conceded, however, that "there may have been a breakdown of communication with the prince". He said there would be more consultation in the next two years to finalise the design which he expected would change considerably.

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Winning team: Alan Forsyth and Gordon Benson, whose design was picked from a shortlist of six

IRA warns six to get out of Ireland

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

THE IRA yesterday warned six young men from Newry, Co Down, said to be involved in petty crime, to leave the island of Ireland by the weekend or face "military action."

The warning, issued by the IRA through a local priest, is the latest example of increasingly frequent illegal expulsions, which are used mostly by the IRA, but occasionally by loyalist paramilitaries.

Seamus Mallon, SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh, said it was another offensive example of the IRA deciding whether people lived or died, where they lived, or whether they were able to work.

"The utter contradiction and hypocrisy of their position," he said, "is that having created [an] ethic of lawlessness and encouraged it, they are now trying to adopt a high moral tone by asking these people to leave the country. It is hypocritical in the extreme."

Explaining what amounts to a death threat, the IRA said it had investigated a "criminal group" operating a campaign

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Sky-high rodents hijack Air India's jumbos



Ganesh: wise and prudent god with his trusty rodent

From Christopher Thomas
in Delhi

THE Indian government pledged yesterday to kill rats that have been delaying Air India flights, despite concern among Hindus who regard rodents as holy. Madhavrao Scindia, the civil aviation minister, told parliament that flights to London, Tokyo and New York had been held up when rats had been discovered on board, although aircraft were fumigated regularly and traps laid.

The aviation industry regards rats as one of the greatest dangers to airline safety, as they can chew through control cables and electrical circuits. An airline official in India said that most carriers would practically take an aircraft apart to check for damage once a rat had been discovered. "They can go where no man can reach. If they get into the electrical bay, you have got big trouble."

Mr Scindia said that one Bombay-bound Air India flight from the Middle East had returned after take-off when rats were discovered on board, and the plane was changed. Rat-control measures were carried out regularly in hangars, buildings where on-board meals were prepared, and in canteen lifts.

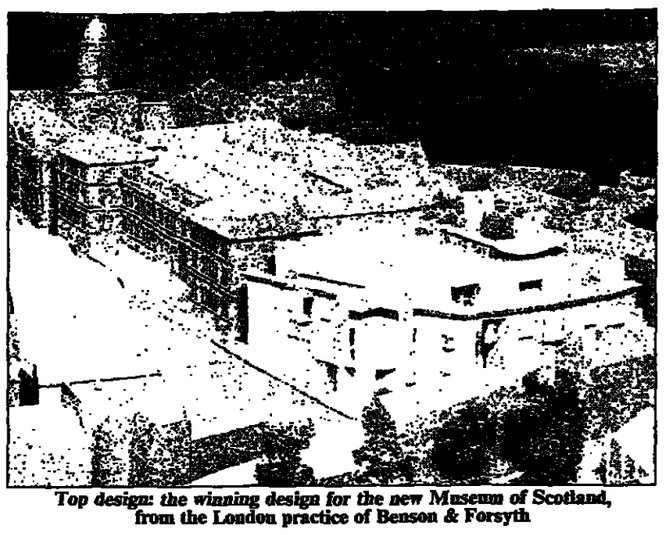
Some Hindus regard rodents as holy because Ganesh, the elephant-headed god and the most popular in the Hindu pantheon, uses a rodent as his steed. Most Indians, however, fight rats as vigorously as anybody else, particularly at this time of year, when the monsoon drives them out of deluged drains and sewers and into houses. Even so, many prefer to use traps that do not injure the creatures, so that they can be released unharmed.

Food preparation can be a headache for international airlines operating in India. In Bombay, for example, food is prepared in premises surrounded by rat-infested slums. "These catering buildings are oases of cleanliness, but rats can gnaw through walls," an international airline official said. "It is difficult to seal them. The *jhuggis* (slum huts) are only 500 yards away. Our main concern is safety, not hygiene, although that is also a serious worry. A rat on an aircraft can create havoc."

As well as being a centre for international airlines, Bombay is the place where Ganesh is most worshipped. There is a huge annual festival in his honour, which creates a certain indulgence towards mice and rats among slum dwellers, some of whom happen to work in airline catering establishments. Ganesh is the god of wisdom and prudence.



Shape of Scotland's museum for 21st century is unveiled



Top design: the winning design for the new Museum of Scotland, from the London practice of Benson & Forsyth

THE shape of Edinburgh's monument to the Scottish nation was revealed yesterday with the announcement that the winning architects for the new Museum of Scotland will come from the little-known London practice of Benson & Forsyth.

The new museum which will narrate the nation's development in industry, social history, politics, archaeology and antiquities, is to be built next to the 130-year-old Royal Museum in Edinburgh's Chambers Street, which houses an international collection equating more to the British Museum in London in its scope. The Museum of Scotland will open in 1997 largely at the cost of the taxpayer and become the eighth member of the National Museums of Scotland, the group created in 1985.

The Marquess of Bute, chairman of the trustees of the National Museums of Scotland, said: "We need an adequate museum to reflect our history and contain the extensive collections we have accumulated over the years."Sir

Simon Tait reports on the winning architects in the hotly-contested commission to design a new museum of Scotland in central Edinburgh

Philip Dowson, the modernist architect who chaired the selection committee, said that the new museum would be Edinburgh's Burrell — the Burrell museum in Glasgow, designed by Barry Gasson ten years ago, has praised for its architecture and its practicality.

However, the physical resemblance will be slight. The Benson & Forsyth scheme will borrow from the ancient architecture of the city of Edinburgh, including the Venetian gothic of the Royal museum, with which it will share an entrance to the medieval grandeur of Edinburgh Castle

Gordon Benson, the Glasgow-born former professor of architecture at Strathclyde university, said: "The building will draw on a history which surrounds it but is also a building for our time, hingeing on the 21st century."

The Museum of Scotland will supersede the Museum of Scottish Antiquities in Queen Street, founded in 1780. As well as housing the contents of the antiquities museum and many objects languishing in store because of the lack of exhibition space, the Museum of Scotland will relieve congestion in the Royal Museum.

The cost of the new museum is being largely borne by the Scottish Office and was yesterday put at £27.5 million, with another £5 million having to be raised from the private sector for fitting out. But the true cost is likely to be nearer £40 million

☐ The Benson and Forsyth proposal is a powerfully sculptural design in the manner of late Corbusier and certain art museums in the South of France (Marcus Binney, Architecture Correspondent, writes). Though an extension, it is conceived architecturally as a completely independent structure, creating a trio of monumental buildings along Chambers Street, with Robert Adam's university building and the original 1861 museum.

As is evident from the new National Gallery extension in London, modern museum buildings tend to have very few external windows. Here, those there are have been expressed as powerful projections, each apparently focusing on a particular building or view outside, complimenting the carefully placed Scottish icons on show within.

A very large rotunda will announce the building to the thousands of shoppers who throng the high street 200 yards away, giving the museum a focus it has hitherto lacked.

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Campaign against pricing cartels gathers support

By TONY DAWE

COUNTY councils are joining the campaign to seek legal redress from companies who operate price cartels.

Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire, who believe they have paid hundreds of thousands of pounds too much for ready-mixed concrete used on major roads, are gathering evidence in order to recover damages from the offending companies in the High Court.

The counties' action follows Manchester City Council's decision to recover the extra £124,000 it has paid for glass for council homes and offices because of a cartel operating among the suppliers. As reported in *The Times* yesterday, Manchester wants to mount a joint court action with other metropolitan authorities which have suffered losses.

Behind the growing rush to judgment, however, lies a mounting disquiet that the authorites are being forced to spend public money because the Government's agencies lack the power to challenge offenders themselves.

The Office of Fair Trading, which uncovered the concrete and glass cartels, has obtained undertakings in the Restrictive Practices court from the companies that they will end the cartels. The companies can only be fined, however, if they repeat the offences, and only a few have been caught doing so.

Northamptonshire believes it has been a victim of one of the 65 ready-mixed concrete cartels operating extensively throughout Britain. It has spent millions on ready-mixed concrete in recent years, including £500,000 on a flyover and £250,000 on bridges for a by-pass. Senior county officials will meet this week to assess the latest evidence on how much they have been overcharged by the concrete suppliers, which include two major national companies, RMC and ARC.

Jeffrey Greenwell, the county's chief executive, said yesterday: "This is a case of public money being lost. Had it not been spent on overpriced concrete, it could either have been returned to the ratepayers or used on other road schemes. If we can assemble the evidence, my council is absolutely determined to seek to recover the losses in full."

He added that it was unsatisfactory for companies to have a free bite at price-fixing and that their activities should only become illegal when they repeat the offence. On the other hand, those who have been defrauded are left to spend many hours on research in order to seek civil remedies. "Local authorities do feel that the OFT has one hand tied behind its back compared with the trust-busting activities of the European Commission's DG4 department."

The department has the powers to raid companies suspected of price-fixing. It has also handed out multi-million pound fines to companies found guilty of Europe-wide frauds, among them ICI and British Steel.

The problem of seeking damages under British law was highlighted yesterday by Jeff Gaskell, purchasing director for Buckinghamshire county council, which may have lost substantial amounts because of the concrete cartels.

Mr Gaskell, also vice-chairman of the association of county supplies officers, said: "We have to ask ourselves, is it worth the time and money necessary to gather the evidence? After all, poll-tax payers want value for money. But if we take the moral view, we should go to court."

Manchester seems determined to take action. The council announced yesterday that the price of glass has dropped significantly since the cartels were uncovered. It also estimates that it has paid at least £124,000 over the odds to companies belonging to the Heywood Williams Group over three years.

Ken Barnes, chairman of the city's direct works committee, said that the effect of the glass cartel had been to reduce funds for other priority work. "The individuals directly affected by this reduction in available funds would have been council tenants and users of council-owned buildings like school children and aged people," he said. "If it is shown that the people of Manchester have been exploited, then we will go to whatever lengths are necessary in order to make good the losses."

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TONY WHITE



Knights' errand: Eric Mahringer (left) and his brother Kurt, from Austria, on their way to Buckingham Palace yesterday to apologise to the Queen for their countrymen's locking up of Richard the Lionheart in 1193

Hunger striker's appeal

A woman jailed for life for murdering her violent husband appealed directly yesterday to Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, to review her sentence. In a letter to the Home Office, Sara Thornton urged Mr Baker to re-open her case in the name of justice.

Thornton, aged 35, began a hunger strike 11 days ago at Bullwood Hall prison, Essex, after learning that a man who had killed his bullying and alcholic wife had been given a two-year suspended sentence.

Two weeks ago, the Court of Appeal refused to reduce Thornton's conviction for murder to one of manslaughter. She had pleaded that she had killed her husband in a rage having been regularly beaten and abused by him.

In her letter, Thornton, from Atherstone, Warwickshire, described the man's sentencing as "nothing less than a slap in the face for women". She said that she had received a life sentence "simply to satisfy the arrogance" of Britain's "outdated and hypocritical judiciary".

The chances of such a case being referred again to the appeal court are slight. Mr Baker, however, may see fit to bring forward the date at which parole might be considered. Thornton's condition was described by the Home Office as "good".

Private firm to help set poll tax

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative council in the Henley-on-Thames constituency of Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, is to privatise part of its operation for setting the poll tax in a test of proposals outlined in the citizen's charter.

It calls for private firms to be allowed to tender for the work of town hall finance departments to promote greater efficiency and to cut costs. South Oxfordshire district council said yesterday that it had awarded a £28,000 contract to Touche Ross to produce its spending estimates for next year, which will form the basis for setting the poll tax.

The decision was taken at a private meeting of the council's competitive tendering board and has yet to be reported to full council. Work on the one-year contract, which involves payments of up to £225 a day plus the £28,000 fee, has begun.

The deal was disclosed yesterday by David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, who published a leaked council report setting out the details. He said the contract would mean that important decisions on spending and the level of next year's poll tax would be taken out of the hands of democratically accountable officers.

He also criticised the council for not accepting the lowest bid. Eight were received and the cheapest, £15,000 a year, was submitted by the council's own finance department. A bid from KPMG Peat Marwick at £20,500 with payments of up to £140 an hour for additional work was also rejected.



A tooth getting a plastic sealant to prevent decay

Fate sealed for tooth decay

By THOMSON PRENTICE
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

TOOTH decay, the most common disease in the Western world, will all but vanish in the next 25 years, according to a report published today.

New forms of toothpaste may incorporate microscopic pills containing fluoride and anti-bacterial ingredients, the report says. Fillings will be replaced by paint-on sealants, and dentists will concentrate on repairing breakages and teaching patients how to brush their teeth.

"Within a couple of decades there will be very few decayed teeth in the bulk of the population," Martin Curzon, professor of child dental health and preventive dentistry at Leeds university, says in *Changing Horizons in Dentistry*, published by the makers of Crest toothpaste.

The report predicts new methods of delivering fluoride, such as microscopic pills in toothpaste designed to break up during brushing, preventing caries developing. A device that releases a constant amount of fluoride for up to two years from a glass pellet or disc fixed to the teeth with resin is undergoing trials.

'Mr Fix-It' takes control of prisons

The troubled prison service comes under a new chief today, with high hopes pinned on him, **Quentin Cowdry** writes

MINISTERS' hopes of curing the demon in the Home Office prison department, source of many embarrassments over the past 18 months, fall today on the shoulders of Joe Pilling, a brilliant civil servant noted as a "Mr Fix-It".

In theory, Mr Pilling's promotion to director-general of the prison service places him nicely to rise, in say five years' time, to permanent secretary of a ministry. However, the Home Office, as Kenneth Baker is finding, is stage on which many a talent tumbles.

If anything, the mountain facing Mr Pilling is higher than the ones that confronted predecessors. After the jail riots of spring 1990 and the recent escape of two IRA suspects from Brixton prison, morale in his department could not be worse.

Ministers claim that the answer lies in tougher security for category A prisoners, and penal reform on a broader front. Mr Pilling, who succeeds Christopher Train, who is retiring six months early, can be sure that ministers are truthful on the first count, but will find it harder to assess commitment on the second.



Pilling: prisons chief knows his subject

The grammar school educated Mr Pilling — at 45, the youngest director-general to date — knows the prison system and ministerial temperament. Most of his 25-year Whitehall career has been with the Home Office and he has done two spells in the private offices of ministers.

As director of personnel and finance with the prison department from 1987 to 1990, he implemented the Fresh Start package, which improved prison officer productivity and reduced "Spanish practices". Mr Pilling won the respect of the Prison Officers' Association and a reputation for being able to steer a path through the choppiest waters.

Morning story gets an afternoon slot

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MORNING Story, the Radio 4 institution which for more than 40 years has inspired many a listener to put pen to paper in the hope that their own story will be broadcast, is being cancelled next month to make way for the new 10.30am Woman's Hour.

In its place will be Short Story, a new late-afternoon series starting September 16 which will rely far more on classics and special commissions from established writers than what Duncan Minshull, BBC Radio's short story editor, described yesterday as "a slush pile of doily and allotment stories sent in by hopeful housewives.

"We want to provide the audience with what they want, not the standard predictable and parochial stories about life at the bottom of the garden," Mr Minshull said, adding that the new series will use only "the very best of the slush pile". He said that Morning Story received 120 unsolicited stories a week, 40 per cent of which come from women. About six or seven get broadcast each year.

Michael Green, Radio 4 controller, yesterday described the cancellation and replacement of Morning Story, the rescheduling of the regular Afternoon Play and the switch of Woman's Hour to the morning from its traditional afternoon slot as "the single most important change in daytime schedules" in Radio 4's history. Although the BBC is still receiving letters of complaint about its decision ten years ago to cancel Storytime, its old afternoon short story programme, Mr Green said he believed rather conservative Radio 4 listeners would soon appreciate the changes.

The afternoon play, which moves forward an hour from 3pm to 2pm, features the space drama *Tiger! Tiger!*, based on Alfred Bester's 1950s cult novel, as well as a major production of Charles Dickens's *David Copperfield*. Bonnie Langford also makes her radio drama debut in a second series of plays based on the characters of the artist Toulouse-Lautrec. *Posters of Montmartre*, by John Peacock, follows the success of his previous series *Posters of the Moulin Rouge*. A science fiction season begins later this month with a new dramatisation of Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. Tom Courtney will make a rare radio appearance in *Flowers for Algernon* and a series of Sherlock Holmes stories starts in the New Year.

Woman's Hour, which keeps its serial, will also be repeated for a six-month test period starting January on the AM frequency at 7.20 each evening during the week.

Major back from Spain

The prime minister returned to Britain yesterday after a ten-day holiday in Spain. Although he has a few ministerial meetings planned for this week, he will spend the rest of his holiday period either at Chequers or in his Huntingdon constituency.

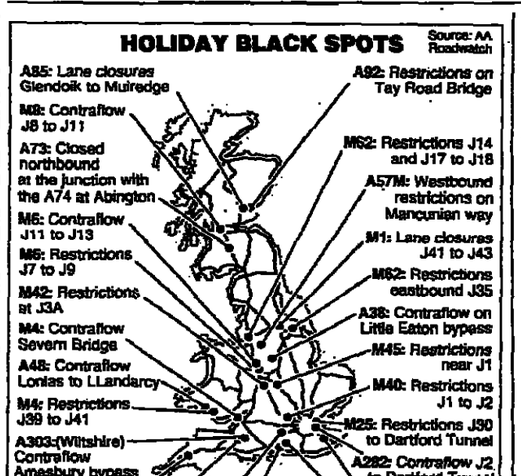
Mr Major wants to meet John McCarthy, the freed hostage currently undergoing tests at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, but a senior Whitehall source said that the prime minister would not put pressure on Mr McCarthy for an early meeting.

Youth charged

A youth aged 15 from Swansea appeared before the city's juvenile panel yesterday, charged with the abduction of and an assault on Rebecca McBride, aged six, also from Swansea. Her body was found on Monday in a lake near Ammanford, Dyfed. She had been missing since Sunday. Police said that the cause of death was drowning. The youth was remanded in police custody.

Saved by foot

A man trapped in his burning car escaped after he unscrewed his false foot. Christopher McGill, 27, crawled out of his Ford Escort clutching part of his leg after a collision in Basingstoke, Hants.



Continued delays are expected in the West Country because of contraflows on the A303 Amesbury by-pass in Wiltshire, another on the same road between Wincanton and Mere in Somerset, and one on the A30 west of Bolventor in Cornwall.

Road chaos 'hitting UK economy'

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE management of Britain's motorways and trunk roads needs to be radically reformed, according to a report published yesterday by the Institution of Highways and Transportation.

Traffic congestion, uncoordinated road works, and administrative delays will continue to impede Britain's economic performance until a national organisation responsible for managing key routes has been created to replace the existing decentralised system based on regional responsibilities, the report says.

In the first of a series of papers on Britain's transport dilemmas, the institution calls for the creation of an inter-urban transport forum with the authority to identify missing transport links and undertake a crash programme to provide them. The forum would assume reponsibility for Britain's motorway, trunk road, and mainline rail routes, thereby replacing the existing division of responsibilities between the transport department, the Scottish and Welsh Offices, the regional and local highway authorities.

Although Britain's motorway and primary route network accounts for 7 per cent of the national road system, which is responsible for 45 per cent of total vehicle mileage travelled, "little information is known about these roads", the report says.

"Statistics tend to be collected on roads defined by administrative responsibilities, in contrast to other countries, such as France," it adds. As a result, there is no official definition of what constitutes traffic congestion within the UK, and "no data on its magnitude, geographical extent or even whether it is increasing or decreasing," the report says.

Demands for some form of national body to assume responsibility for motorways and trunk roads have increased considerably over the past 12 months, particularly from industry and transport organisations which have become increasingly irritated over the confusion and delays caused by the present decentralised system.

Citing one example of poor management, Garry Turvey, the director general of the Freight Transport Association, says that five separate sets of road works were carried out on the A1 between London and Edinburgh by the transport department last October, bringing the road to a virtual standstill. When asked to explain the high level of maintenance, transport officials denied that so many repairs were being carried out simultaneously, not because they were trying to cover up the scale of the programme, but because they did not know what their regional offices were doing, Mr Turvey says.

The European Community now accounts for 70 per cent of Britain's imports and exports by value. Reliable, efficient and fast links to key connections with the continent are crucial if Britain's economy is to enjoy the benefits promised by the single European market, the report says.

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Young homeless

£3m scheme to stop youngsters running away to London

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A SCHEME to help prevent youngsters running away from home to the "bright lights" of London was launched by Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, yesterday.

Mrs Bottomley gave details of 14 projects which will share £3 million over three years as part of the Single Homeless Young People Initiative.

The projects, run by local authorities and voluntary organisations and centred mainly in cities nationwide, are being set up to help the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, such as people leaving care. They include: a 16-bed "returning home" hostel in Manchester for young people already in London or likely to move there; a drop-in centre in Bolton; a referral system for vulnerable young people in Ipswich; 12 single flats with 24-hour support in Southend; an accommodation register and crisis centre for food and clothing in Crawley and a scheme to help young women who have been sexually abused to find accommodation in Bradford.

Organisations and councils were invited to bid for the £3 million in January. Yesterday Mrs Bottomley said that 14 projects, four more than originally expected, had been approved out of over 100 application. Each is expected to get up to £90,000 a year for three years.

"It is a tragedy that so many people become separated from their home communities and find themselves vulnerable and hopeless on the streets of London," Mrs Bottomley said. "This will enable many of them to avoid having to sleep rough and provide them with the opportunity to establish a settled way of life through reconciliation with their families or through setting up home on their own."

Charities for the homeless welcomed the initiative but said it did not go far enough. Nick Hardwick, director of Centrepoint, said that increasingly towns and cities all over the country had groups of young people sleeping rough and begging for food. Many were 16- and 17-year-olds who had left care and an increasing number were women, he said.

Two-thirds of London's young homeless came from outside the capital. "It's up to local agencies in small towns to provide the service that will stop them from coming here in the first place."

The Children's Society estimates there are 150,000 homeless 16 to 19 year olds in Britain. About 64,000 people in London are homeless, of whom 13,500 are in hostels. A third of these are under 25, the society says.

The charity Shelter stressed the money was primarily for short-stay accommodation and would do little to solve the long-term problems.

Sheila McKechnie, director of Shelter, said benefits to 16- and 17-year-olds had to be fully restored and levels for those between 18 and 25 improved to stop the problem growing.

● London's homeless are to get their own newspaper next month. *The Big Issue*, a monthly tabloid initiated by Anita and Gordon Roddick of the Body Shop, will be sold by the homeless in aid of the homeless (Melinda Wittstock writes).

About 100 of London's 75,000 homeless will work in specially trained teams of five, keeping 40p of the 50p cover price of each paper sold. The remaining 10p will go to housing and training organisations to cover administrative expenses associated with courses for its vendors.

The Big Issue, aimed at 18 to 35-year-olds and devoted to social and environmental issues of the day, will devote all profits from advertising and sponsorship to train homeless people as writers, photographers, designers, computer operators and office workers.

The full-colour tabloid, which has already secured 12 pages of advertising at full market rates, expects to be making a profit by November, when it will begin channelling its homeless vendors into courses.

Project 'is step in right direction'

By RONALD FAUX

THE Peterloo Housing Association in Manchester yesterday welcomed a £90,000-a-year grant as part of the government's attempt to reduce the number of young people sleeping on the streets of London.

John Rossington, director of the association which offers shelter and advice for up to 500 single homeless men and women a year, said: "This is the first time the government has recognised that the root problems of the homeless cannot be cured without providing resources outside of central London."

The three-year grant has allowed work to begin immediately on 18 one-bedroom flats close to the centre of Manchester where youngsters will be helped back to a normal life through the association's Return Home project.

About 75 per cent of the homeless young people using Centrepoint in London, which offers them shelter, are from outside the capital, many from the North. Hundreds drift to London and end up sleeping rough, exposed to prostitution and drugs.

Mr Rossington said: "When youngsters from the Manchester area contact one of the help agencies in London they are put in touch with us and we do what we can to get them back home if they are ready and able to return." The aim will be to house the new arrivals, aged between 16 and 25, until some longer term options can be decided.

"London cannot deal with this crisis alone. The resources there only allow them to be fed and sheltered for a few days and then chucked out. Much more long-term work is needed. Being homeless is completely debilitating. They live from day to day and young people in particular find it hard to recover from the experience," he added.

A recent survey disclosed that 68 per cent of homeless people in London had at some time been in care. "So many of them do not have the family background and security that perhaps the rest of us take for granted," Mr Rossington said.

The association began working for the homeless 15 years. It has a turn-over of £2 million a year and receives strong support from Manchester city council.



Roddick: launching monthly newspaper for homeless

Call by peers for youth minister

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of peers today appeals for fresh government and EC policies to reach the under-class of deprived youngsters living on the margins of society.

The shifting tribe of unemployed, homeless, poorly educated young people, who often become anti-social or criminal, threatens social cohesion and integration in Europe, the Lords' EC committee says in its report *Young People in the European Community*. In Britain, the peers suggest appointing either a minister of state or a ministerial group to deal with youth matters. An EC council of youth ministers should also be set up.

The committee says that some of the Community's population of 130 million under 25 face multiple problems, usually provoked by lack of basic education. They were caught in a vicious circle as they had trouble finding permanent jobs, housing, health care and organised leisure. The peers seek a co-ordinated effort "to help young people in the transition from school to adulthood, the world of work and family formation".

Witnesses told the committee that more homeless, unemployed youngsters could drift around European cities as the community's barriers are dismantled.

The committee, chaired by Lady Lockwood, says all who gave evidence "stressed that the programmes had not yet done enough to reach disavantaged young people". The peers interviewed 15 to 20 officials from government departments covering policies for young people.

Young People in the European Community, House of Lords European Communities select committee report (Stationery Office; £9.80)

TONY WHITE

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Watering the beer: an official soaks towels placed on barrels to keep prize exhibits cool at the seventeenth annual festival run by the Campaign for Real Ale. Peter Manldon's Black Adder dark brew was pronounced champion beer among the 200 tipples at the event which opened yesterday at the London Arena in Docklands (Peter Victor writes). Over 100,000 pints await the 30,000 people expected to attend the week-long event. Festival officials were pleased yesterday to confirm the demise of one regular attender: the Camra "beer monster", a legendary figure with his hallmark huge belly.

Police call for calm as clashes follow death of airgun man

By RONALD FAUX

POLICE in Shropshire appealed for calm yesterday after angry disturbances followed the death of Ian Gordon, shot by police marksmen in Wellington early on Monday after he threatened them with a gun.

David Blakey, acting chief constable of the West Mercia force, met representatives of the West Indian community in Telford and later said that although he understood people's feelings, the incident was no excuse for law-breaking.

Early yesterday, windows at Wellington police station were smashed by youths throwing stones, and later, in Hadley, an area of Telford with a large ethnic population, about 100 young people, some masked, threw stones and petrol bombs at police vehicles. Two police dog handlers were cut by flying glass. No one was arrested.

Mr Blakey said the shooting of Ian Gordon, who proved to be armed with an unloaded air pistol, was an unusual incident and the subject of an independent enquiry led by Clive Atkinson, assistant chief constable of Merseyside. Police officers were thoroughly trained in the use of firearms, Mr Blakey said, and he had every faith in their professionalism.

"I understand the concern that friends of Mr Gordon must have, but this is not an excuse for vandalism or the sort of rowdyism we saw last night and I would appeal to them to wait and listen and hear the results of the full independent enquiry," Mr Blakey said. "I would hope there would be no further disorder. If there is, then, of course, my officers will have to deal with it accordingly."

The appeal for calm was repeated by Bruce Grocott, Labour MP for The Wrekin, who visited Hadley and Wellington yesterday.

Violence belies image of rural calm

By WILLIAM CASH

DESPITE the county's tranquil rural image, Ian Gordon's confrontation with police is only the latest in a series of violent incidents in Shropshire in recent years.

The partially clothed body of a Wolverhampton prostitute, Janine Downes, was founded dumped in a lay-by on the A464 near Telford in February. She had been strangled and sexually assaulted.

Armed robbery in Telford has risen sharply this year and included an armed raid on a nightclub. Inspector Terry Lowe, police community relations officer in Telford, says that the new town lacks any real heart and is disliked by other West Mercia officers.

The town is thought to have little character.

In 1984 a young gang planted booby traps in playgrounds. Razor blades were embedded in slides and broken glass jammed in climbing frames.

In 1975 the Black Panther, alias Donald Neilson, murdered the 17-year-old heiress Lesley Whittle, who lived in the village of Highley.

In 1984, Don Davies, who owned a petrol station a few miles from Telford died after a struggle with a raider who tried to steal £10,000.

In 1987 Simon Dale, the former husband of Baroness Susan de Stempel was found battered to death on the kitchen floor of her mansion at Heath House in Hopton Heath in Shropshire. She was charged with his murder and acquitted in 1989.

In 1988 a nationwide hunt was lauched by police for a farm labourer, David Evans, after the killing of 15-year-old Anna Humphries who lived in Hampton Wood, Ellesmere, in north Shropshire. He was arrested in France and jailed for life.

Murdered girl might have known killer

By PETER DAVENPORT

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of Angela Flaherty, aged seven, said yesterday that she might have known her killer. Her father made an emotional appeal for help in catching her attacker.

Senior officers said that they had been inundated with calls from the public and many people had approached officers in the street offering information.

Angela's body was found during a police search on Sunday hidden in a den, a popular haunt for local children, near her home in Rawthorpe, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. Her parents had reported her missing on the previous day.

One of her sisters had last seen her at 6pm on Saturday riding her pink bicycle, a present for her seventh birthday last year. Police disclosed yesterday, however, that a witness had since come forward who recalls seeing the girl at 7.20pm.

Detective Superintendent Peter Bottomley, in charge of the murder enquiry, appealed yesterday for anyone who may have been walking on the wasteland overlooking the Huddersfield Town football club ground, where Angela's body was discovered by a police dog handler, to come forward.

Angela was sexually assaulted before being beaten to death, possibly with a brick or stone. A post mortem revealed that she had died of a fractured skull. A detailed search of the site where her body was found was completed yesterday and police removed several possible murder weapons.

Mr Bottomley said there was a strong possibility that Angela had been enticed away to her death as she played near her home and that police believe she might have known her killer.

Her father Martin Flaherty, aged 35, a building worker, appeared at a press conference yesterday to appeal for help in catching his daughter's killer. Shaking with emotion and visibly close to tears, Mr Flaherty said: "If anyone has any information, no matter how small, please tell the police and help us to catch this beast.

"I want to see him caught so badly. I can't explain what I feel inside. I just want to get this thing caught and get it over with. Then we can get back to normal."

Mr Flaherty added: "We should be able to let our children go out to play without this kind of thing happening."

Asked how his family was coping, Mr Flaherty said: "We're not really coping, we're just trying the best we can. It's all so unbelievable. We can't understand what's happening."

Last night police confirmed that a number of suspects had been questioned in connection with the murder.

Tenants victims of sharp practice

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

LEASEHOLD tenants are still suffering from sharp practice by landlords and managing agents in spite of measures in the 1987 landlord and tenant act that strengthened their rights, according to an environment department survey.

A report on the survey, studying the effect of the act, says that although tenants and landlords generally approved the legislation tenants felt there were grey areas or loopholes that could lead to sharp practice. They expressed particular concern about repairs, service charges, lack of consultation, difficulty in obtaining accounts and insurance.

Under the act, long leaseholders of privately owned flats in England and Wales gained greater rights regarding management and service charges, and were given the right of first refusal allowing them to buy their block if the landlords wanted to sell.

The evidence of the report suggests support for the government's latest proposals, announced last month, for the right of tenants to buy the freehold of their flats and for the introduction of a system of commonhold under which they share the common parts of the property and manage it themselves.

Tim Yeo, environment minister, said that a main concern of long leaseholders was bad management. "Plans announced by the government for a new scheme of land and property ownership called commonhold should help to sort out many of their difficulties," Mr Yeo said. "As part of the scheme, long leaseholders in blocks of flats will be given the right to buy the freehold interest."

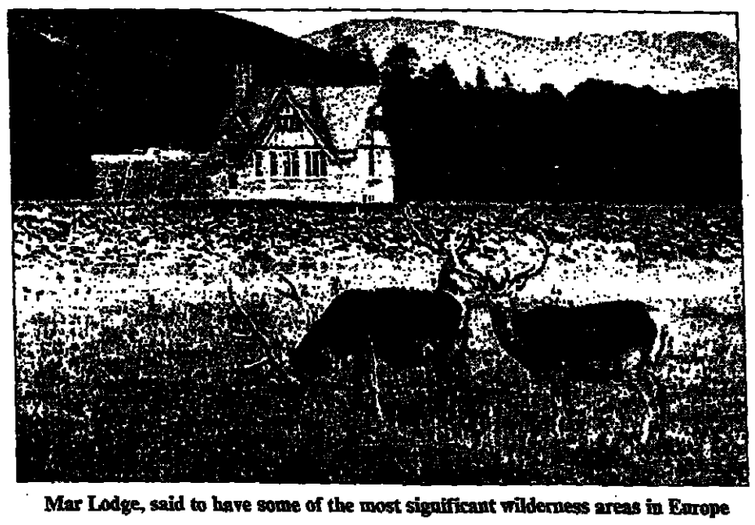
Mar Lodge estate may be saved for nation

By KERRY GILL

THE first firm sign that the government will back a move to take Mar Lodge, the 77,000-acre Highland estate with some of the most important wilderness areas in Western Europe, into public ownership emerged last night.

Government officials met conservationists, who are anxious to have the unique estate taken over on behalf of the nation, at the Scottish Office in Edinburgh. The meeting was held on the initiative of Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, who has been persuaded that Mar Lodge, close to Balmoral Castle on Deeside, should not fall into the hands of a private owner.

Although the question of a government grant towards a purchase did not arise, conservationist groups including the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Chris Brasher Trust are confident that Treasury money eventually will be made available.



Mar Lodge, said to have some of the most significant wilderness areas in Europe

The three groups have pledged £5 million towards buying the estate, said to be on offer for £10 million. Simon Pepper, the WWF's conservation officer for Scotland, said: "It was a very useful meeting, more useful than we might have expected.

"We were very encouraged that the Scottish Office are taking a keen interest in what should happen. They expressed common cause that it should be secured in the public interest. Another meeting will be held later this month. In attendance was Gavin McCrone, Scottish environment department secretary, and Magnus Magnusson, chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, Scotland, as well as the three conservation groups. Mr Pepper added: "The government is keen to do what it can to help. They listened very carefully to our case and this time the question of private ownership did not arise."

The estate, which was put on sale by John Kluge, its American billionaire owner, contains five of the highest peaks in Scotland including Ben Macdui, at 4,296 feet. The mountains are within the Cairngorm plateau, claimed to be the best remaining wilderness area in the United Kingdom. The estate is almost entirely a national scenic area.

The lodge was commissioned by Queen Victoria for one of her grandchildren and the estate contains some of the ancient Caledonian pine forest. Golden eagles, peregrine falcons, merlins, snow bunting, capercailye and the Scottish crossbill can be spotted within its huge acreage.

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Teenagers' pregnancy worries outweigh concern on Aids

Better sex education in schools and the involvement of parents, doctors, health workers and others may be needed to combat Aids. Health campaigners say that promoting 'safe sex' will be a difficult but not impossible task, Thomson Prentice reports

THE risk of an unwanted pregnancy outweighs worries about Aids among many British teenagers, who think of safe sex in terms of contraception rather than preventing infection, the Health Education Authority said yesterday.

A report published by the authority shows that although teenagers have been well informed about Aids by government campaigns, they generally have not changed their sexual attitudes or behaviour as a result.

The findings of a survey included in the report suggest that attempts to limit the spread of HIV among young adults through such campaigns will be difficult and will need to be pursued over many years, with no guarantee of success.

"To most young adults, safer sex means taking precautions against pregnancy, not minimising the risk of Aids," the authority said yesterday. "As a result, their use of condoms declines with age, as they rely more on the pill as a better contraceptive. Many use condoms when they first become sexually active, but the majority switch to the pill once they establish a regular relationship."

The report, *The Sexual Health Of Young Adults In England*, is based on questioning of 4,436 people aged 16 to 19, interviewed in their homes by Mori last year.

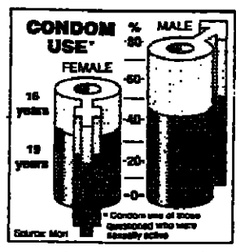
Researchers found that while 56 per cent of sexually active, 16-year-old girls used condoms, that proportion fell to 38 per cent among 19-year-old girls. The drop in usage by males fell from 77 per cent at 16 years old, to 47 per cent by 19.

"Safeguarding their health from HIV or Aids came second to preventing pregnancy in their choice of contraception for most young adults," the authority said. "Sixty-two per cent of respondents, male and female, said the main thing they wanted from their method of protection was to prevent pregnancy." Only 19 per cent were concerned to protect against HIV.

Lindsay Neil, manager of the Health Education Authority's HIV and Aids programme, denied that the survey results showed that government publicity campaigns had failed.

"They succeeded in raising public awareness, which was a crucial first step," she said. "Advertising alone was never likely to have an effect on behaviour. What is needed is better sex education in schools and the involvement of parents, doctors, health workers and others.

"We realise that changing behaviour is going to be very difficult and it will take time, but it is not an impossible task."



She that said sex education in schools should begin before the age of 15, by which time many pupils were sexually active. More than 40 per cent of those interviewed in the survey felt that coverage of Aids in school sex education classes had been inadequate.

The survey showed that 52 per cent of the teenagers had experienced sexual intercourse. While 72 per cent knew it was risky to have sex without a condom, a quarter were prepared to have unprotected sex with a new partner.

The HEA report includes two other studies, by London university psychologists, of sexual attitudes among young adults. The researchers found resistance to "safer sex" education messages and to the use of condoms. The tendency among many of those interviewed was to see safety in terms of "safe" partners rather than safer practices.

● A police chief yesterday defended a policy of storing computer files on Aids victims. John Burrow, chief constable of Essex, said that the information was vital to the safety of police officers who might come into contact with body fluids at scenes of crimes.

Mr Burrow said: "We owe it to our policemen on the streets to warn them of such dangers when and where they exist."

Protesters have called for the policy to be dropped because confidential information could be abused.

Buses, trains and councils top list of public dislikes

By Robin Young

LOCAL authorities, buses and British Rail generate more criticism and dissatisfaction than any other public services, according to a survey published today by the National Consumer Council to coincide with its annual report.

In the Mori survey, commisioned by the council and based on replies from 2,005 people, fewer than half the respondents were satisfied with their borough or district council, while almost a third said they were dissatisfied with its efforts. Only two out of five expressed satisfaction with their county council, while almost a quarter said they were dissatisfied.

Those ratings made local authorities even less popular with consumers than British Rail, just over half of whose passengers said they were satisfied with its overall service. Almost a third said they thought rail services needed improvement. Consumers were more likely to be critical of British Rail than of any other public utility in the survey, and dissatisfaction among rail passengers is growing while other forms of transport are becoming more popular.

One in five passengers was displeased with bus services, though only one in 20 complained about services provided by coach companies. More than two thirds were satisfied with the service on buses, but for coaches the satisfaction level reached 85 per cent.

Local government's worst failing in consumer eyes appeared to be road maintenance. Only one in three thought it was up to standard while well over half complained that it was below par. Nearly half were dissatisfied with footpath and street cleaning standards. However, eight out of ten said they were satisfied with standards of refuse collection.

Attitudes to schools varied widely, with those who had school-age children rating schools more highly than people as a whole, fewer than half of whom were happy about the standard of second and primary schools.

Most people were happy with services provided by the gas and electricity industries. Only 4 per cent were dissatisfied with their gas company, and 7 per cent with their electricity supplier.

Criticism of water companies, the telephone service and post office counter services was on average three times as frequent, though around three quarters of customers were satisfied with them, slightly more than in a similar survey last year.

Lady Wilcox, chairman of the National Consumer Council chairman, said: "At a time when all three political parties are discussing ways of ensuring consumers get a better deal from public services, these findings are particularly important. There is no room for complacency. BR needs to find out why its customers are even more discontented about train services than they were last year, especially in the South, and then take all possible steps to put things right. This survey also shows local authorities have some hard work to do to improve their image with the public."

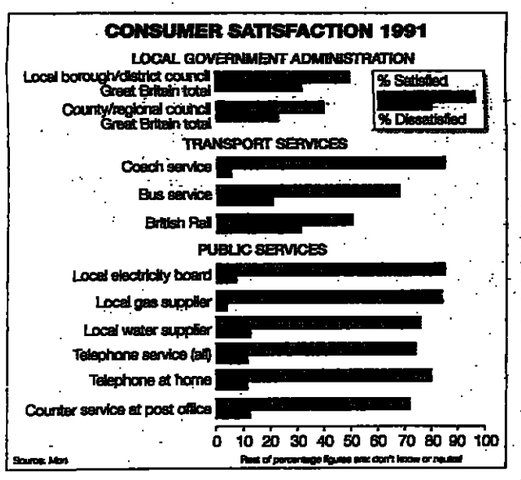
Councils should also be concerned that people were less likely to be satisfied with them than in 1986, when a similar survey was conducted, Lady Wilcox said.

Public utilities and local councils produced more favourable responses from consumers in Scotland, and people in rural areas generally had a more favourable attitude than customers in towns and cities, but Lady Wilcox said it was not clear whether that was because services tended to be better in the country or because those who lived there had lower expectations.

☐ A Mori opinion poll for the Scottish Consumer Council found that 57 per cent of the 475 Scottish people questioned were satisfied with their district council and 46 per cent were happy with their regional council. However, nearly six out of ten Scots were dissatisfied with road maintenance in their area.

By contrast, 91 per cent of Scottish consumers expressed satisfaction with the supply of water services.

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Moment to ponder: Ron Park, a judge at this year's Royal Horticultural Society's summer flower show at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, assessing a gladiolus yesterday. Show report, page 14

Barristers' monopoly criticised

By Frances Gibb
LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bar's monopoly of the higher courts is blocking price competition between lawyers, keeping fees high and denying consumers a choice of advocate, the Consumers' Association said yesterday.

If solicitors were allowed to compete directly with barristers for work in the higher courts, it should help improve value for money in the provision of legal services, the association says.

"We consider it to be a matter of fundamental importance that consumers in the future will have as full a choice as possible as to who will represent them in any court proceedings."

The association, which has campaigned vigorously for some years for the ending of monopolies within the legal profession, including the solicitors' conveyancing monopoly, has made its comments to the Lord Chancellor's new advisory commitee on legal education and conduct.

This committee is now considering the Law Society's application to be allowed to appear in the higher courts, subject to appropriate training, and also the Bar's opposition to extension of rights of audience along the lines proposed by the society.

Solicitors have rights of audience in county and magistrates' courts. The association says there is no evidence to suggest that they have not been as suitable and competent as barristers. "It is right and eminently sensible that all qualified solicitors be automatically entitled to appear as advocates in all crown court proceedings except in jury trials, and in all interlocutory hearings in the High Court."

Taxpayer charter launched

By Richard Ford
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TAX enquiry offices may open in the early evening and at weekends, under the taxpayer's charter launched yesterday as part of John Major's citizen's charter.

Tax forms are to be redesigned to make them easier to understand. Inland Revenue officials will publish targets for the time in which staff should deal with post.

However, the service is more circumspect on the subject of setting a time limit for paying refunds. "It may well be that a time limit for refunds will be one of the targets," Francis Maude, the financial secretary, said yesterday at the launch of the charter.

The charter aims to cut tax-form jargon, set targets for the Inland Revenue and tell disgruntled taxpayers how to complain. Mr Maude said: "No tax collector is ever going to be popular. The taxpayer does not always find it comfortable having to pay tax but tax has to be paid. The citizen's charter is about citizenship in its widest sense. Citizenship includes responsibilities as well as rights."

Sir Anthony Battishall, chairman of the revenue's board, said: "The charter is not about compensation for bad service. This is about getting good service in the first place."

Joyce Quin, an Opposition trade spokesman, said: "What the government should be doing is to ensure a more efficient system of tax collection, not least to ensure that some of the £5 billion which is now consistently not collected does come to the Treasury so that they might spend it on some other more needy public service, such as health and education."

Rifkind to reveal Marchioness facts

By Lin Jenkins

DETAILS of the causes of the Marchioness pleasure boat disaster, in which 51 people lost their lives, are to be made public two years after the tragedy.

Malcolm Rifkind, transport secretary, said yesterday the report by the Department of Transport's marine accident investigation branch would be published in the next few days despite the reservations of lawyers acting for Ivor Glogg, whose wife died in the disaster. They believe comment on the document could prejudice Mr Glogg's private criminal prosecution for manslaughter against the owners of the dredger Bowbelle.

Mr Rifkind said withholding publication was "no longer justified". Survivors and relatives of those who died have repeatedly called for a public enquiry.

Publication of the report had been delayed for fear it would prejudice a prosecution brought by the crown against the master of the Bowbelle, Douglas Henderson, for failing to keep a proper lookout. The case ended last month when Mr Justice Boreham entered a verdict of not guilty at St Albans Crown Court after the trial had ended with the jury unable to agree. The outcome was the same as in an earlier trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Rifkind said he had considered the views of Mr Glogg, lawyers acting for the owners of the Bowbelle, and four of the senior managers of the company, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-general, and the DPP before making his decision. The inquest into the deaths was adjourned to allow the case against Captain Henderson to continue, and is likely to be ended without hearing evidence after criminal proceedings are ended.

Billy Gorman, of the Marchioness Action Group, said: "We still want a public enquiry. The report has its limits. It never even looked at the response of the emergency services, which we believe was inadequate inasmuch as people died after being in the water for ages when they could have been rescued."

Sir John to hand over black rod

By John Winder

THE man whose raps on the door of the House of Commons have heralded the state opening of a new parliament for six years is bowing out. He will make his last appearance in November.

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, retires in January to be succeeded by Admiral Sir Richard Thomas, UK representative to Nato since 1989, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

Sir Richard's appointment, which now encompasses that of Serjeant-at-Arms in the Lords, follows the tradition that the post is occupied by a senior military officer.



Gingell: administrative job lies behind ceremonial role

Black Rod was originally an officer of the Order of the Garter, when it was founded in 1348. The rod is an emblem of the authority the holder exercised on behalf of the Crown. Defaulters were once tapped on the shoulder and fines demanded.

The most public duty of Black Rod is his role in state openings when his entry, as an officer of the Crown, is barred by the slamming of the doors of the Commons in his face to demonstrate the independence of the lower house. Black Rod knocks three times and is then admitted to deliver his royal message "commanding this honourable house to attend her Majesty immediately".

Each day, Black Rod precedes the Lord Chancellor in procession to the Chamber, carrying the mace. Behind the ceremonial lies a modern administrative job involving the security, accommodation and services provided for peers at Westminster.

Sparkling Short draws level in world chess

By Raymond Keene
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

IN SPITE of his mauling in the first round, Nigel Short, Britain's top-ranked chess grandmaster, recovered brilliantly in the second round of his world chess championship qualifying match in Brussels to inflict a heavy defeat on his Russian opponent, Boris Gelfand.

After Monday's play and completion of 61 moves, Short stood to win in an end game in which he had two extra pawns. He needed just six more moves to finish off his Soviet opponent when the game resumed yesterday. On the 67th move, in a hopeless situation, in which he could not prevent the advance of the extra black pawns, the Russian resigned the game.

This result, after Short had played with the sparkle of his best days, will have done much to restore his confidence. The score in this best-of-eight series to decide the qualifier to meet Gary Kasparov in 1993 is now one point each to Gelfand and Short.

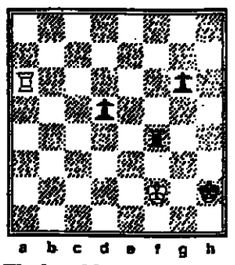
There has been sharp play in the other three quarter-finals in Brussels. In the second game between Victor Korchnoi (Switzerland) and Jan Timman (The Netherlands), the Dutch grandmaster survived a bad opening to launch a crushing counter-attack that left Korchnoi with a lone knight against two bishops in an end game. Korchnoi immediately resigned. Timman leads by one and a half points to a half.

One of the favourites, the Russian grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk has surprised supporters by losing in the second game against his fellow Russian, Artur Yusupov. Yusupov, playing with white, established a minute advantage that hardly seemed sufficient for a win. Nevertheless, brilliant sacrificial pirouettes by Yusupov in a board almost devoid of pieces led to the inevitable promotion to queen of one of his last pawns. Yusupov now leads by one and a half to a half.

The match between the former world champion Anatoly Karpov (USSR) and the 22-year-old Indian, Viswanathan Anand, has been full of twists and turns. In the adjourned first game, Karpov had been a bishop ahead, but when play resumed yesterday, Karpov could find no way to win and a draw was agreed. In the second game, which started on Monday and also developed into a marathon encounter, Karpov had seemed on the brink of defeat after his pieces had slithered up and down his back rank with no way of threatening his opponent. However, his eel-like defence managed to reach a position giving him a chance of salvaging a draw.

Full moves in Short's win in game two against Gelfand:

White	Black	White	Black
1 d4	d5	35 a4	Ra2
2 c4	e6	36 g3	fg3
3 Nf3	Nf6	37 Nc5	g2
4 Nc3	Nbd7	38 Rg3	Ree2
5 Bg5	Be7	39 Nb3	Reb2
6 e3	0-0	40 Nc1	Ra4
7 Rc1	b6	41 Nd3	Rba2
8 cd5	ed5	42 Rg2	Rg2
9 Qa4	c5	43 Kg2	Rd4
10 Ba6	h6	44 Kf2	Nd7
11 Bh4	ed4	45 Ka3	Ra4
12 ed4	Nh5	46 Rc1	Nb6
13 Bg3	Ba6	47 Rc7	Nc4
14 Qa6	Bg5	48 Ka2	Ra2
15 Rd1	Ra8	49 Ke1	Re3
16 Kf1	Nd5	50 Ka2	Ra2
17 Ng5	hg5	51 Ke1	a5
18 f3	b5	52 f4	gf4
19 Qb5	Ng3	53 Nf4	Ne3
20 hg3	Rb8	54 Re7	e4
21 Qd3	Rb2	55 g5	a3
22 Rd2	Qb6	56 g6	Ng2
23 g4	Qb8	57 Ng2	Rg2
24 Nd1	Qg3	58 Ra3	fg6
25 Nf2	Rb6	59 Ra6	Kh6
26 Rh3	Rbe6	60 Rd6	Rg5
27 Rd1	Qe7	61 Kf2	Kh5
28 Qe2	Re3	62 Kf3	Kh4
29 Rc1	Qf4	63 Re6	Kh3
30 Rd1	g6	64 Kf2	Rg4
31 Kg1	Kg7	65 Ra3+	Kh2
32 Qe1	Re2	66 Re6	Rf4+
33 Qf4	g4	White resigns	
34 Nd3	g5		



Final positions in Short's victory over Gelfand

Firework firm fined over blast at factory

The Brock's fireworks firm was fined £1,700 yesterday for a breach of regulations that led to a worker, Alex Patterson, being injured by an explosion at its factory near Sanquhar, Dumfries, last October. Dumfries sheriff court was told he was using a machine to grind a fuel substance when the blast destroyed the building.

The machine, which had been used to grind another chemical, had not been cleaned, the court was told. When the two chemicals came into contact there was an explosion, which destroyed the building and injured Mr Patterson, of Echan Street, Sanquhar.

The court was told that the building was not licensed for the use of the two substances, but only for the storing and grinding of nitrates. Brock's admitted breaches of its explosives licence and of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Welsh Opera gets US chief

Matthew Epstein, a New Yorker, has been appointed general director of the Welsh National Opera to succeed Brian McMaster, who is leaving Wales to become director of the Edinburgh Festival. Mr Epstein takes up the post on August 28.

He is vice-president of Columbia Artists Management and artistic adviser to three American opera companies, in Chicago, Santa Fe and San Francisco. He has worked closely with the Welsh National Opera in the past, inaugurating the company's American tour in 1989 and ajudicating the Cardiff singer of the world competition.

Kidnap plot charge

Shane Snolling, aged 18, a mechanic, of Campion Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, was remanded for a week by magistrates at Colchester, accused of conspiracy to kidnap after the abduction of the family of James Andrews, a Tesco store manager, earlier this month.

Mr Snolling was appearing for the second time. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Rail death

A railway inspector, Kenneth Freeman, aged 63, of Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, was crushed to death by a goods train at the Redland aggregates quarry at Barrow upon Soare, Leicestershire.

Jail paintings

The Prince of Wales is lending one of his landscape paintings to hang outside a prisoner's cell at Dorchester prison as part of an art exhibition travelling to jails around the country.

Saying sorry

Anthony Wilcox, an American businessman who was robbed twice during a visit to Liverpool, was the guest of the city's lord mayor at lunch to help him to recover from Sunday's attacks. He was also given a painting of the tall ships' race of 1984.

Bogus call

A police car was set on fire after a constable was lured to a housing estate at Shoeburyness, Essex, by a bogus emergency call to a disturbance. Petrol was poured over the vehicle and set alight.

Children banned

The Sheffield council flats that formed part of the athletes' village at the World Student Games are to be let only to childless couples over 35 because councillors believe that high-rise flats are unsuitable for families with school-aged children.

Grand prix driver denies CS attack on cabbie

By RICHARD DUCE

A FORMULA One racing driver jostled for position with a London black cab, then sprayed the taxi driver in the face with CS gas as both men argued after the two vehicles collided, a court was told yesterday.

Bertrand Gachot, a Frenchman ranked 11th in the world, was driving a red Alfa Romeo as he jockeyed for position at Hyde Park Corner with the taxi driven by Eric Court, Southwark crown court heard.

Eric Ogden, for the prosecution, said: "It seems there was a jockeying for position and there came a stage when the taxi was immediately in front of the vehicle driven by Gachot. There was a bump. The taxi driver had applied his brakes. Mr Gachot applied his brakes but hit the back of the taxi bumper to bumper. There was a mild jolt but no damage."

Mr Court, aged 48, told the jury: "I walked between the back of the cab and the left hand drive door of the red car. I said, 'what the bloody hell did you do that for?'. He just stood there smiling at me. He didn't speak. I then said to him, 'get back in your car'. I turned to go away and he raised his left hand and sprayed me in the face.

"The first spray hit me just under the left eye. I can tell you I was terrified. I grabbed him with my left hand by the tie to try and stop him and he then sprayed me across all of my face. My face felt like it was on fire."

The prosecution alleges that M Gachot, who denies assault causing actual bodily harm on December 10 last year, then hid the CS canister in the lavatory cistern of a building near by.

Mr Ogden said M Gachot, who finished ninth in last Sunday's Hungarian grand prix and recorded the fastest lap time, would claim he had acted in self-defence. "But the actions of Mr Gachot were far in excess of anything that was required by him to defend himself from a taxi driver talking to him about a slight bump."

Cross-examined by Robert Grey, for the defence, Mr Court denied threatening to kill M Gachot after finding out where he lived. Mr Court said: "That's amusing. I am a licensed cab driver. Do you know what they would do to me? He is not a hard man to find. He's a Formula One racing driver. He drives in the driver's championship." He said he learnt the next day who M Gachot was when he read the newspaper report of the attack.

Two witnesses told the jury that they believed M Gachot, who has a home in Fulham, southwest London, was driving aggressively before the collision. Peter Swatton, a passenger in the taxi, said: "He was driving very agressively and drove very close to the rear of the cab. But as the road narrowed, the taxi driver was able to pull away, leaving the red car behind us."

He said he then felt a bump and the taxi driver stopped the cab, got out and ran towards Gachot's car. He saw the two men argue and then M Gachot spray Mr Court in the face from a gas canister.

The trial continues today.

MARC ASPLAND



End of the line? David Chapple, of St Baryan, Cornwall, catching mackerel by handline in Mount's Bay, five miles from Land's End. Mr Chapple and fellow members of the South West Handline Fishermen's Association are pleading for exemption from the EC fishing quota system which, they say, could deprive them of the rewards of EC conservation measures introduced to protect their livelihoods. The handline fishermen argue that their "uniquely selective and conservationist fishery" could not seriously affect stocks even if the present fleet trebled in size. Fishing for mackerel with more efficient but less discriminating trawlers or purse seiners has been banned in an area from Plymouth to beyond the Isles of Scilly and up the Irish Sea to South Wales since the pursuit of immature mackerel threatened to push stocks into extinction in the 1970s. The fishermen say it would be disastrous to end the protected "mackerel box" around the southwest coast.

Vandals blamed for £100m damage to schools every year

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

VANDALS are causing £100 million of damage to schools and colleges every year, committing up to 10 per cent of education authorities' maintenance budgets, the National Audit Office reported yesterday.

Schools have also become the most common target for arson attacks, the report said. The number of serious fires rose by almost 50 per cent in six years, disrupting work and placing a burden on insurers.

The rising tide of vandalism, especially in city schools, was a main factor contributing to the decline in the condition of state schools identified in a report by the public spending watchdog. There had been little progress since the education department found serious deficiencies five years ago.

The report said that repair and maintenance bills would continue to rise for the rest of the decade, largely because of the legacy of prefabricated and system-built property from the 1960s and 1970s. Local authorities could manage their spending more efficiently, but budgets had been cut in real terms before their spending power was restored.

Michael Fallon, the schools minister, said the report showed that significant amounts of money were being spent on school buildings, but many councils could improve their performance. "In my view, parents will expect proper priority to be given within budgets to making sure that schools are kept in decent repair," he said.

Jeremy Beecham, chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said councils needed £4.3 billion over three years but were being allowed by the government to spend £450 million. "The government is simply starving the public sector of the investment needed for repairs and replacement. There would be no problem if central government shared local government's desire to tackle all the problems of decay and disrepair," he said.

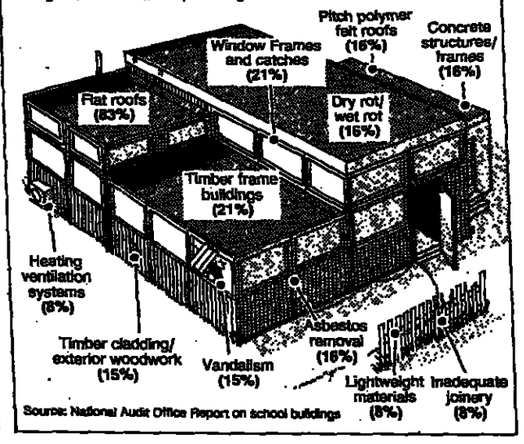
Derek Fatchett, a Labour education spokesman, said: "The Conservative government has starved local authorities of the necessary resources, allowing them to spend only about one third of what is needed to maintain and to improve our schools."

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the report was a serious indictment of the state of repair of schools. "For far too long schools have suffered from a standard of accommodation which is deemed unacceptable for the vast majority of the working population."

The report said shortcomings must be remedied if the full demands of the national curriculum were to be met. Fears that inadequate maintenance was impairing health and safety standards were not borne out by the statistics. Only 75 out of 75,000 school injuries in 1989-90 could be attributed to poor repairs and maintenance. The Health and Safety Executive said schools remained relatively safe overall.

SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS

Figures in brackets are percentages of 48 local authorities surveyed



Source: National Audit Office Report on school buildings

Repairs backlog will get worse, audit report says

THE state of school buildings has been a political hot potato since the government gave councils a decade to bring premises up to minimum standards (John O'Leary writes). That time is up, and ministers had to give an extension last October.

Without apportioning blame, yesterday's report by the National Audit Office showed that there is a long way to go. It found little improvement since 1986, and said that costs would keep rising for the rest of the century.

Councils are able to spend far less than they would like on upkeep of schools, the report said. Backlogs of routine repairs will get worse.

All 48 authorities answering a survey in 1988 reported maintenance difficulties, and a follow-up two years later found little change. Most said that schools built in the 1960s and 1970s to cope with booming pupil numbers were their greatest worry as the fabric deteriorated and fixtures wore out. Substantial items, such as boilers and wiring, would need replacing in even greater numbers in the next ten years.

Prefabricated and system-built schools took a disproportionate share of maintenance budgets. "The emergency repairs now necessary are the primary reason why the authorities have had to divert funds from the routine maintenance of older buildings, thus exacerbating the longer-term maintenance difficulties," the report said.

The NAO found that spending on repairs and maintenance had recovered after an 8 per cent drop in 1988-89. An estimated £390 million was spent the following year, and the total is expected to reach £500 million in 1991-92. The report recorded without comment the government's view that good management would allow councils to devote more money to school premises.

In the smaller independent school sector, £257 million was spent in 1989-90 on buildings and equipment, equivalent to £543 a pupil. Their spending had risen consistently in the previous decade, from less than £200 a pupil.

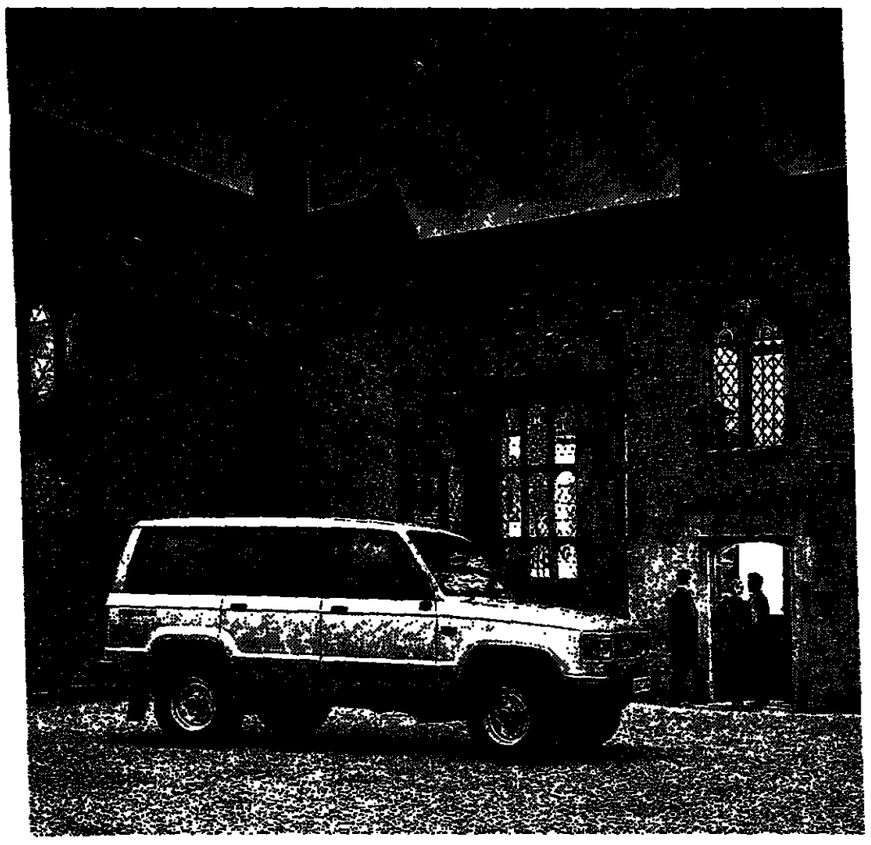
The government and councils have been eager to pass off responsibility for shortcomings in state school premises. The councils say they need an extra £4.3 billion from central government; ministers complain that they cannot direct council funding into schools.

The NAO keeps out of the argument, registering the education department's estimate that surplus school places cost £350 million a year to maintain and acknowledging the councils' success in reducing surplus places. The office did, however, criticise councils for concentrating on emergency repairs at the expense of routine maintenance, saying that many had no repair strategy.

"Failure to undertake routine maintenance means that buildings may deteriorate further and far heavier maintenance expenditure may be incurred," the report said. Some progress, mainly superficial, was being made under new moves to allow schools to manage their budgets.

The report said reasons for maintenance becoming a burden included rising costs, inadequate estate management, the design and age of premises, and vandalism. After last year's extension, the government and councils have five more years to find answers.

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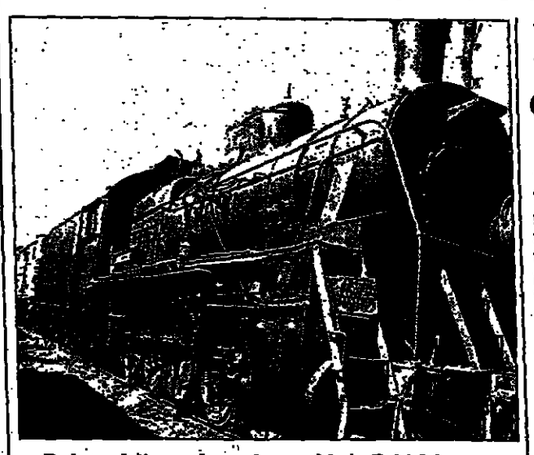
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Red star delivery: the engine awaiting a British buyer

Buyer sought for Soviet steam giant

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAILWAY enthusiasts are being offered a unique opportunity to own a Soviet steam engine by a British export company that specialises in trade with the Soviet Union.

The 100-tonne locomotive was built in 1949 and was used to haul express freight between Moscow and Kazan, the capital of the Tartar Autonomous Republic. The engine comes complete with coaches and track, as the Soviet track gauge is two and a half inches wider than Britain's.

The locomotive is one of three that were preserved under a conservation order. All are in perfect working condition and are steamed up about four times a year. Soviet railway officials want to invest the hard currency from the sale in the region's railway.

Geoff Robinson, the director of the Rowan Way Export Company in Pontypool, Gwent, said he discovered the engines while on a 14-hour train journey between Moscow and Kazan. "We are eager to hear from any railway preservation societies, theme parks, museums, or private individuals who would be interested in bringing the locomotive to Britain," he said.

Mr Robinson said it would be hard to put a price on the engine but it would be considerably less than the £100,000 it normally takes to rebuild an old engine from scratch.

Recruiting of teachers improves

THE recovery in teacher recruitment is more marked than the government thought, the education department reported yesterday (John O'Leary writes). The number of vacancies for teachers has fallen by 20 per cent this year, compared with a 14 per cent reduction announced in May by Michael Fallon, the schools minister. The annual survey, conducted in January, registered the first reduction of teacher shortages for four years. There were 5,200 vacancies, against almost 6,500 in 1990, and the vacancy rate has fallen from 1.8 to 1.5 per cent.

Mathematics, science and technology, where shortages have been most severe, all showed an improvement, with vacancies down by a third on the previous year. The highest proportion of vacancies continued to be in languages other than French and German, where 73 unfilled posts represented 7 per cent of the total available.

London remained the most difficult recruiting area, with 3 per cent of posts in inner-city schools remaining vacant. The overall vacancy rate fell by 35 per cent over the year, however, and secondary schools in the capital had their lowest number of vacancies since 1986.

A reduction in the number of teaching posts has been partly responsible for the national improvement.

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Global deal beckons as former Lebanon captives seek to adjust to freedom

Bonn poses threat to freeing of hostages

From Ali Jaber in Beirut and Ian Murray in Bonn

HEZBOLLAH yesterday offered two Israeli soldiers it has held since 1986 as part of a general exchange of Arab prisoners in Israel and Western hostages in Lebanon.

But a new obstacle threatens to thwart the deal: Germany says it cannot negotiate the release of any of the "freedom fighters" convicted and sentenced by its courts for terrorist offences. A spokesman said yesterday that, since the German judiciary was fully independent, the government could not negotiate the early release of those serving prison sentences even if it so wished.

A Hezbollah spokesman in Beirut said his party would be willing to join the "bazaar of the hostages" with Yossi Fink and Rachamim Alsheikh, captured during an Israeli incursion into Lebanon in 1986. The group's main demand, in return, he said, was the release of the Arab detainees in Israel. Such a condition, if met, would also fulfil the demand of the kidnappers of ten Westerners held in Lebanon.

However, an implicit demand in the kidnappers' letter to the United Nations could undo current efforts to end the hostage saga, fundamentalist sources said. The Islmaic Jihad Organisation told the UN that they were ready to free all hostages if the detainees "around the world" were freed. The demand clearly included Mohammad Ali Hamadi and Abbas Hamadi, the two Shia Muslim brothers in prison in Germany.

Hezbollah, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, the United States and the Palestinian organisations have given their blessing to efforts to free the hostages. Germany is alone in raising difficulties, although these are not new — German diplomats in Beirut have repeatedly explained that the nature of their political system does not allow for a political compromise to free the Hamadi brothers.

"We have an absolute separation of powers within our government," one diplomat said. "The Hamadis have been tried and convicted and there is no way anyone could pressure the judicial authorities into freeing them. They have to serve their prison term."

Nevertheless, since two German aid workers, Heinrich Struebig and Thomas Kemptner, are held in Beirut, Bonn is certain to come under maximum pressure behind the scenes to find a formula which will lead to their release. Yesterday there were even threats of an increase in terrorism if the Hamadis are not freed.

Hamadi family sources in Beirut were optimistic. "The Hamadis' German lawyers are always visiting us here," one said. "They say that, according to German law, even mayors of the cities where our brothers are jailed can offer them parole and reduce their sentence. So it is a question of their political will. We are being subject to tremendous pressure from Hamadi's parents and associates to do something about them."

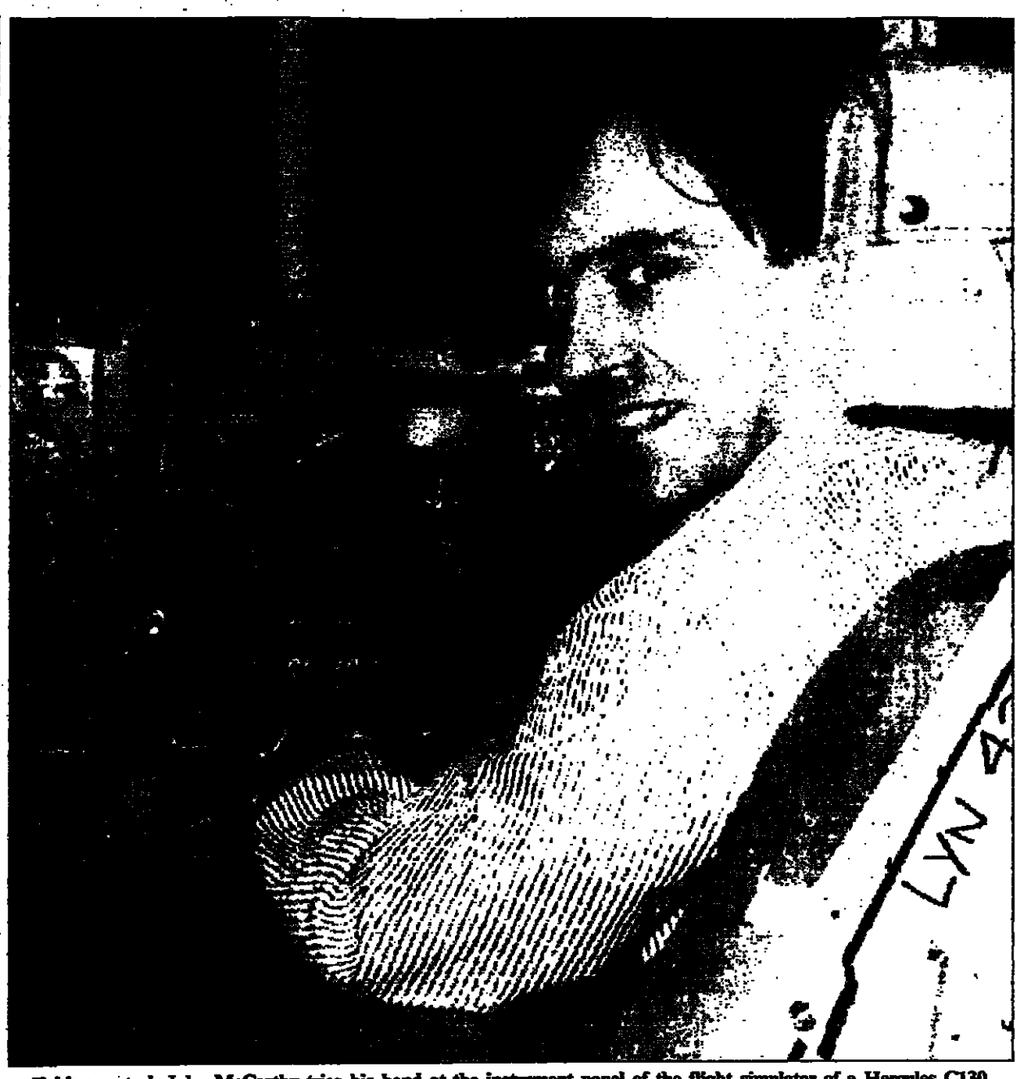
The family member also revealed that the kidnapping last week of Jérôme Leyraud, the French medical worker, was the work of a group of former detainees who were freed by Israel during a swap with American passengers of the TWA plane. He said the abduction was carried out as a result of fears among members of the Hamadi family and their associates that the deal to free the hostages would exclude the two brothers.

Mohammad Hamadi, the younger of the two imprisoned brothers, was given a life sentence in Frankfurt in May, 1989, for the hijack of a TWA plane and for killing Robert Stethem, an American serviceman who was aboard the aircraft. The German aid workers were seized the day he was sentenced. His brother, Abbas, a naturalised West German, was jailed for 13 years in 1988 for their kidnapping in Beirut.

About the time of Abbas Hamadi's arrest, the United States applied for the extradition of his brother to stand trial for kidnapping and murder, offences for which he would have faced the death penalty if convicted in America. In West Germany, where there is no capital punishment, a life sentence, with automatic remissions for good behaviour, was the worst punishment he faced.

Behind the scenes Bonn came under extreme pressure from both the Americans and from the shadowy group holding the German hostages in Beirut. Washington wanted the extradition, but Germany refused.

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Taking control: John McCarthy tries his hand at the instrument panel of the flight simulator of a Hercules C130 transport aircraft at RAF Lyneham, where he is still undergoing a series of tests after his release from Beirut

McCarthy keeps feet on ground

By Our Foreign Staff

JOHN McCarthy, gradually recovering from his five-year hostage ordeal in Beirut, yesterday tried out the flight simulator of a Hercules at RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire, where he is staying.

He was shown how to fly on instruments, and under the instruction of Squadron Leader Roy Davey and Flight Engineer Sergeant Brian Pinchbeck, he spent 45 minutes in the simulator. He "took off" and "flew" a couple of circuits around the airfield before attempting a "landing" in which he "crashed".

A base spokesman said: "This is not unusual for a non-pilot, and he thoroughly enjoyed himself."

Later, Mr McCarthy asked for a car to drive around the base. An RAF car was made available. The 34-year-old journalist is undergoing medical tests base before he returns to normal life. No date has been set for his departure. Mr McCarthy, looking relaxed and cheerful, joked with his father, Patrick, brother Terry, and members of the RAF who have been assigned to look after him. He has spent some of his time at the base telephoning other members of his family and friends.

In Hong Kong, during a brief stay on his way home from Papua New Guinea, Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke yesterday of his delight at Mr McCarthy's release. He believed that prospects for the early release of Terry Waite, his special envoy, were encouraging.

Dr Carey urged Israel and Hezbollah, in Lebanon, to release their prisoners. He said he was relieved by Mr McCarthy's release and was very happy to hear that Mr Waite was still alive.

However, Dr Carey said he would like to know why Mr McCarthy was "so confident that an end is in sight". The archbishop, who left for Britain last night, said the political situation in Lebanon was "a lot more stable", which gave grounds for hope.

He also noted that the Western powers and the countries of the Middle East had been working together since the Gulf war to resolve the tensions and conflicts in the region, which might lead to a resolution of the situation in Lebanon.

Dr Carey said Israel had a part to play and he hoped it would contribute by freeing its hostages. But he was particularly looking to Hezbollah to release its captives.

Secluded Tracy to get stress care

By Ian Murray

AFTER two days of medical tests at the American air force hospital in Wiesbaden, Edward Tracy will fly back to the United States this morning for treatment for severe stress suffered as a result of nearly five years as a hostage in Beirut.

A bookseller and itinerant businessman from Burlington, Vermont, Mr Tracy has roamed the world since 1958 and lived in Beirut for ten years before being kidnapped in October 1986. He has not been back to the United States for 25 years.

Yesterday his two daughters, Monica and Margaret, arrived from their home in the Canary Islands to see him. They joined him for lunch, which he ordered: spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, and tossed green salad, followed by ice cream.

Mr Tracy, aged 63, who is thought to be in "basically good physical condition", according to doctors, has asked that no details of his condition be given to the press. Unlike some former American hostages who have been treated in the Wiesbaden hospital after captivity in Lebanon or Iran, Mr Tracy has remained secluded in a special suite since his arrival.

Israelis stand by missing troops

From Ben Linfield in Jerusalem

SEVEN Israeli servicemen, taken captive or missing in action, are the key to any agreement on the release of hostages:

☐ **Yehuda Katz**, aged 31, **Zacharia Baumel**, aged 30, and **Zvi Feldman**, aged 34, are listed as missing since June 11, 1982, five days after Israeli troops invaded Lebanon. Katz's father said yesterday that he had information that his son, Baumel and Feldman were still alive. The three, members of a tank unit, took part in a battle with Syrian armour in eastern Lebanon.

☐ **Samir Assad**, aged 30, a member of Israel's Druze Arab minority, disappeared on April 3, 1983, near Tyre while trying to rejoin his unit after visiting his family in the northern Israeli village of Jaan. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine announced it was holding him captive. It yesterday said that he had subsequently been killed but it was willing surrender his body.

☐ **Yossi Fink**, aged 26, and **Rachamim Alsheikh**, aged 25, were captured by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group on February 17, 1986, at Beit Yahoun village in Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon. Israeli investigators found enough blood in their vehicle to know that at least one had been seriously wounded, but it has never been established who was hit or if either survived.

☐ **Ron Arad**, aged 33, an air force navigator, was shot down in his Phantom fighter near Sidon on October 11, 1986. He participated in an Israeli air strike against targets of the Palestinian groups Fatah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. He was held at first by the mainstream Shia Muslim Amal group, but was subsequently handed over to a more radical Shia faction.

Tradition fuels Israel's demand that it receive news of the seven soldiers before entering into a deal.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's deputy foreign minister, spelt out Israel's terms yesterday, saying: "We are having difficulty getting the minimum which we are entitled to — that is information, and in the end freedom for our people in exchange for prisoners we hold. Without this, we will simply not act."

Druze body 'has less value'

From Adam Kelliher in Damascus

THE deteriorated remains of an Israeli trooper became a new factor in the bargaining arena yesterday amid moves to free the hostages in Lebanon. But the Palestinian group holding the corpse says that its six years of trying to engineer an exchange have failed because the dead man is a Druze.

"If he were Jewish, they would have released maybe 50 prisoners for his body," said Daoud Talhami, a spokesman for the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who believes Israel's stated policy of exerting every effort to get its personnel back, dead or alive, is selective.

Within these manoeuvrings came the declaration by Hezbollah and Lebanon that it was willing to return two live Israeli personnel. Four others are rumoured to be held by various Palestinian and Shia Muslim groups.

Samil Assad had just been promoted from private when he was captured in 1983 during Israel's occupation of southern Lebanon. The Israelis recruit Druze because fighters from the secretive Arab Muslim sect are renowned for martial ferocity, their firm belief in reincarnation making death a more acceptable prospect, and they have an atavistic enmity against other clans in Lebanon.

According to Mr Talhami, Assad died at the hands of the Israelis, being accidentally killed in 1985, at the age of 23, in an Israeli bombing raid on a base where he was being held near the Lebanese city of Tripoli. Through the Red Cross, the front, a moderate faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, in 1986 approached the Israeli authorities and offered to exchange Assad's body for a member of their central committee, Omar al-Kassem, who was serving a double life sentence in Israel.

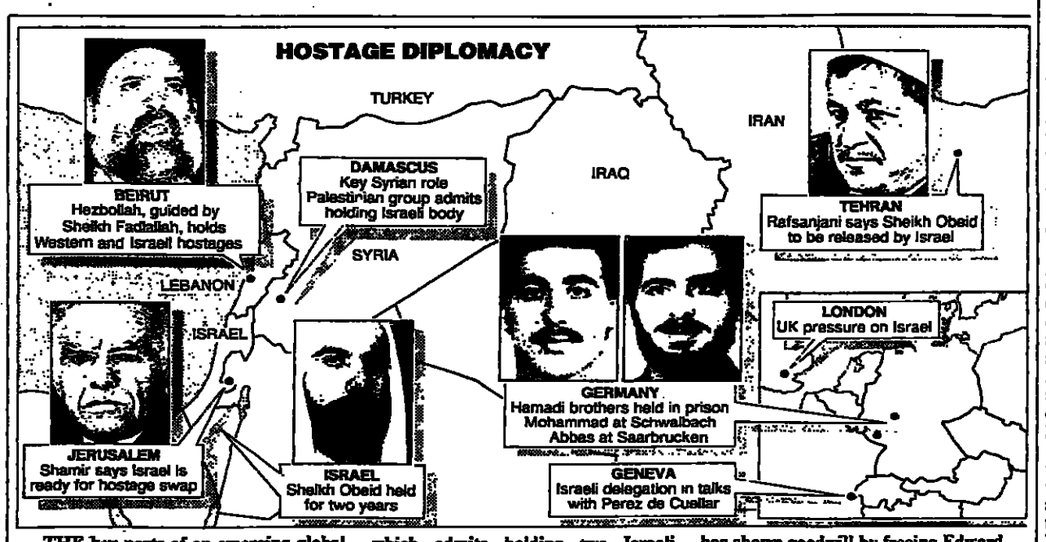
The secret negotiations faltered when al-Kassem died of cancer in 1989, but Mr Talhami said the front subsequently requested the corpse be exchanged for an unspecified number of Palestinian detainees. This time, the front rejected Israeli terms that any returned Palestinians sign a declaration vowing not to participate in political activities.

The front states that the negotiations have nothing to do with the hostages, and is anxious not to be connected with the zealots holding the Westerners. Two years ago it allowed a Red Cross doctor to inspect the body, which remains somewhere in Lebanon. Mr Talhami said the talks are continuing.

"We are discussing very concrete things with them now," he said, referring to possibly releases among an estimated 20,000 Palestinians detained in Israel, some without trial. "But we do not have any contact with any other side, either Palestinian or Lebanese, in this affair," he said.

● **Ankara:** Shimon Peres, the leader of Israel's opposition Labour party, made a one-day visit to Turkey and met unidentified Soviet diplomats aboard a yacht at the Agean town of Marmaris, a leading Turkish newspaper, *Hurriyet*, reported yesterday.

The newspaper did not say how it determined the men were Soviet or diplomats. The Israeli chargé d'affaires, Uri Gordon, said that he knew Mr Peres would come to Turkey and meet "personal friends" at Marmaris. But he said he doubted they were Soviet diplomats. *(AP)*



THE key parts of an emerging global hostage deal are:

☐ The letter from John McCarthy's kidnappers seeking the release of Arab "freedom fighters" in European and Israeli jails.

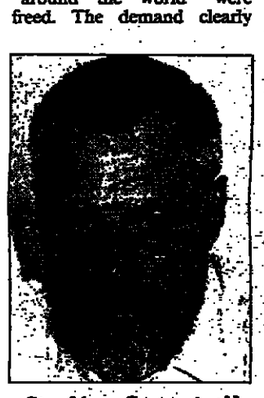
☐ Israel's statement that it is willing to free Shia Muslim prisoners once it receives firm information about its seven missing soldiers.

☐ The undertaking by Hezbollah, which admits holding two Israeli servicemen, to release them in a reciprocal gesture for the freeing of Arabs held in Israel.

☐ The willingness of the radical DFLP Palestinian group to hand over the remains of a third Israeli that it claims to hold.

☐ The reiteration by Hezbollah that it wants Shiekh Abdel Karim Obeid, the Shia cleric, released, arguing that it has shown goodwill by freeing Edward Tracy and John McCarthy. America and Britain have asked Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, to freed the sheikh and some Shia prisoners in Israeli-controlled southern Lebanon.

Among obstacles to a deal is that Britain, America and Germany do not want any deals that involve convicted terrorists.



Struebig: German aid worker held in Beirut

Iran says Obeid to be freed by Saturday

By Ali Jaber in Beirut and Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

SHEIKH Abdel Karim Obeid, the Hezbollah cleric imprisoned in Israel, whose release is a key factor in the Middle East hostage diplomacy, will be freed by Saturday, security sources in Beirut and Iran's official news agency said yesterday. His release would represent a breakthrough in the case of the ten Westerners held captive in Lebanon by associates of Sheikh Obeid.

The news agency, quoting a "well-informed" Muslim source, said: "Sheikh Obeid will be freed within a few days. He will rejoin his family in the village of Jibchit on Saturday at the latest." In Beirut, the editor-in-chief of the Iranian Irna news agency, Musaab Naeemeh, said: "Our source is very reliable. This report is not speculation."

Sheikh Obeid, a Shia Muslim cleric linked to the Iranian-backed fundamentalist Hezbollah militia, was abducted from southern Lebanon by Israeli commandos in 1989. His release has been one of the kidnappers' main conditions to set free the remaining ten foreign hostages.

Israel last night made no comment on the Iranian report which came amid growing optimism that a deal to release all hostages and prisoners is near. The agency has previously predicted correctly the release of Western hostages held by groups loyal to factions in Iran.

Israel regards Sheikh Obeid as its key bargaining chip and diplomats said it was impossible to see Israel freeing the cleric as a goodwill gesture. "The only way Obeid will be re-united with his family on Saturday is if the Israelis also kidnap them," a security official in Jerusalem.

Clerics say scholar never had mentality to bomb and maim

Richard Beeston in Tyre examines the reputation of Sheikh Obeid and finds an alternative picture to the revolutionary he is made out to be

IN THE fertile but troubled frontier region of southern Lebanon the mystique of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid is all things to all men.

To his former comrades in arms he is a hero captured for his struggle against Israeli occupation. To Israel he is a notorious terrorist responsible for some of the worst outrages committed by Hezbollah (the party of God) in the region. And to his former acquaintances he is simply a promising Muslim scholar who never displayed the fanaticism needed for his supposed guerrilla exploits.

All, however, agree that his release after two years of detention in Israel, or for that matter his continued captivity, will have an important bearing on the future of this contested region, one of the last outposts of the Lebanese civil war.

Sayyed Ali al-Amin, an accomplished Shia cleric and teacher, yesterday recalled his first encounter with the kidnapped sheikh in 1980, when Sheikh Obeid was his student in the holy Iranian city of Qom, the home of Shia religious education and thought. "He was good in school," said Sayyed al-Amin, who subsequently taught Sheikh Obeid in the mid-1980s at a seminary in Beirut. "He was not at all fundamentalist. He had an open mind."

The former teacher, who now lives in Tyre and is closely associated with the mainstream Shia Amal movement, revealed for the first time that Sheikh Obeid's moderation actually cost him his job with Hezbollah, and that at the time of his abduction the supposed terrorist mastermind was actually suspended from his duties.

"He was never an important figure in Hezbollah, he only became famous because of his capture by Israel," he said. "In fact Sheikh Obeid had been suspended for some time before his capture by the Hezbollah leadership because he had refused in 1988 to attack rival Shia Amal militiamen in his village."

According to Sayyed al-Amin, all two dozen leading Hezbollah figures were expelled from southern Lebanon during the inter-Shia fighting, which left only Sheikh Obeid within striking distance when Israel decided to capture him.

This description contrasts



dramatically with the stereotypical martyr's accolade for Sheikh Obeid recited in Hezbollah-controlled villages throughout the south, and Israel's own official description of the man, who was credited at the time of his capture with a series of terrible crimes, from masterminding the kidnapping of US Marine Lt Col William Higgins in 1988, to ambushing Israeli soldiers and organising car bombs.

The real truth may never emerge from the confused and shadowy world of hostage negotiations currently underway and neither Israel nor Hezbollah's backers in Iran have any advantage in undermining the myth they have created around the man. What is far more important is that his freedom may open the way for Israel to retrieve its seven missing soldiers in Lebanon, for Hezbollah to win the freedom of about 400 Shia prisoners held by Israel and its proxies, and ultimately to bring a final close to the entire hostage saga.

Military and political figures believe that once that is achieved a solution may then be possible for southern Lebanon as a whole. "People are truly sick of this whole hostage saga," said Hassan, a Tyre resident speaking for many in the bustling port city. "Once that is over many other solutions could fall into place."

● **Villages shelled:** Israeli-backed gunners retaliating for guerrilla attacks that killed a policeman, shelled three villages in south Lebanon yesterday, wounding three people. *(Reuter)*

Belgrade demands Serbs and Croats free all prisoners

From ERNEST BECK IN ZAGREB AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE federal commission in Belgrade, monitoring the ceasefire in Croatia, has set a deadline of midnight on Sunday for all prisoners who were taken during violent clashes between Serbs and Croats to be freed, the Tanjug news agency reported yesterday.

The commission, which met overnight, has also ordered both sides to hand over lists of the prisoners they hold, as well as the names of those they regard as missing. At the weekend, Serbian separatists and Croatian authorities swapped 25 prisoners in the first exchanges since hostilities were suspended after the ceasefire on August 7. Another exchange, involving 70 prisoners, was postponed on Monday and is now expected to take place today.

Irfan Ajanovic, a member of the commission, has said that an enquiry would be opened into the clashes on August 1 in Croatia's eastern region of Slavonia. It would look into reports that about 60 Croats were killed in Sarvas and about 50 Serbs in the neighbouring town of Dalj. Unconfirmed reports, a day after the clashes, said about 80 Croat policemen had also died at Dalj.

The commission called on both communities to create conditions that would allow those who had fled their homes to return. About 90,000 Serbs and Croats have left their homes.

For those who live in what Croatian authorities have now designated "crisis areas", there is no truce or ceasefire and no end to the fear that darkness will bring a new round of explosions and sniper fire from somewhere in the surrounding countryside.

Croatian leaders acknowledge that attempts to consolidate the ceasefire have so far failed. In the village of Beli Manastir, for instance, an attack began with the first grenade just after midnight. More exploded at hourly intervals, aimed at the local police station, near Zadar, and machinegun fire lasted for an hour. In the nearby villages of Petlovac and Ceminac, mortar shells landed at dawn. And in Sunja, south of Zagreb, the two sons of a farmer were reportedly kidnapped from their beds.

Drazen Budisa, minister without portfolio in the Croatian government, declared: "The latest events demonstrate that the other side does not accept the truce and that the daily terrorist acts continue unabated."

The conflict is spilling into cities where Serbs, who do not even identify with the fighting, complain of harassment. Mirjana, a young widow in cosmopolitan Zagreb, said: "Every time I have to show my documents I feel that I am looked on with scorn and suspicion." She is a Croat but was married to a Serb. "I feel like divorcing my dead husband and taking back my maiden name," she said.

Zagreb's large Serbian minority, many of them businessmen and intellectuals, say they are being blamed for ethnic clashes in rural parts of the republic, where Serbian guerrillas are trying to stop Croatia leaving Yugoslavia.

Milan Djukic, president of the recently founded Serbian People's party in Croatia, said many urban Serbs do not even identify directly with the guerrilla fighting, but are suffering its results. They were being dismissed from their jobs or being forced to swear oaths of allegiance to an independent Croatian state. Some Serb businesses had been bombed.

More than 300 people have died in fighting in Croatia and neighbouring Slovenia since the two republics declared independence on June 25. Most have died in Croatia, where members of a 600,000-strong Serbian minority want to stay in Yugoslavia.

According to Mr Djukic, nationalistic Serbs who won control of the Krajina region, represent only a quarter of Croatia's Serbian minority.



Son's pilgrimage: the Pope praying at the grave of his parents at the Rakowicki cemetery in Krakow yesterday, during a four-day pastoral visit to Poland, his second this year. Looking fit and rested, the Pope had been welcomed by President Walesa and his wife, Danuta, and Jan Krzystof Bielecki, the prime minister (Pat Koza writes). On Friday, the Pope will begin a four-day visit to Hungary, where a security ban has been placed on hunting, carrying umbrellas, radios, and glasses, and keeping windows open in areas he tours. Even boat traffic on the Danube is restricted.

Pilgrims abandon Yugoslav Lourdes

From ANNE MCELVOY IN MEDJUGORJE



THE evening Mass at the church of St James's in Medjugorje is in full congress, the strains of *Ave Maria* contending with the juke box of a local cafe. Outside the shabby, twin-towered church, confessions are being held in a row of primitive boxes marked with the language of forgiveness spoken within: Slovene, Croatian, English and Hungarian.

Ten years ago, six young people in this remote village, stranded amid the barren hills of western Hercegovina, claimed that the Virgin Mary appeared to them with the injunction to pray for peace. Four of the six visionaries still claim to see an apparition of the Virgin, at 5.40pm every day. The clockwork reliability of the phenomenon has helped its fame spread across Europe and beyond, to the Philippines and America.

The miracle of Medjugorje is dismissed by the local Roman Catholic Bishop of Mostar as a mere trick by the Franciscans to wrest Catholic power in the region for themselves. Rome has neither sanctioned nor forbidden pilgrimage. However, despite widespread scepticism within the church itself, the village has developed into a place of pilgrimage to rival Lourdes.

This summer, however, the makeshift pavement cafes offering hamburgers and pizzas are empty and in the souvenir shops, seemingly endless rows of statues of Our Lady and thick curtains of rosary beads remain unsold. The population of Medjugorje, for whom the first religious miracle has brought the second economic one in its wake, are torn between their loyalty to the Croatian cause — amply documented by pro-secessionist graffiti — and their failing business. The money-changers have stopped short of the temple, but only just, loitering by the path to the church in search of black-market marks.

Father Slavko Barbaric, a Franciscan friar at the church, has his own method of calculating the missing pilgrims. "Last August we gave 240,000 communions. So far this month we haven't even reached 20,000 and most of them are Croatian pilgrims."

The Catholic Church is firmly behind Croatian independence and the Franciscans make no secret of their own sympathies in the conflict: "We tell people to pray for peace and reconciliation but our enemies are blinded by hatred. If there is war then we will be behind the defence of Croatian freedom and democracy."

His main fear is that the dearth of tourists will plunge the village into depression, making it more fertile for ethnic hatred. Nobody wants to return to their former hard life on the land "before the Virgin". "I have to remind people that God sees into every heart," Father Slavko said sternly. "If they pray for peace to come to Croatia, it shouldn't be just because they want the tourists back."

Offer of cash and clothes fails to budge Albanians

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

SIX days after an estimated 17,000 Albanian refugees poured across the Adriatic to southern Italy — most of them only to be transported straight back by the Italian authorities — 500 to 600 were still holding out yesterday against repatriation. Some were in Bari harbour and others in the town's football stadium.

Surrounded by heavy cordons of police and soldiers, only a few accepted an offer of a pair of jeans, a new shirt and a 50,000-lire banknote (about £22) as an incentive to return to Albania. The rest continued to endure hunger, torrid heat and primitive hygienic conditions in the hope of being finally allowed to stay.

The Italian government's hard line in not allowing any of the refugees to stay was adopted in the wake of a first influx in March of more than 20,000 Albanians who then had to be fed, sheltered and housed in camps throughout Italy. At the same time the suspicion was growing that the Albanian government itself might have some responsibility for the sudden large-scale migrations.

In Bari harbour yesterday, many of the refugees still occupied the Susan, a Maltese merchant ship moored next to the wharf, on to which police had herded about 3,000 Albanians last Thursday. Police feared that some of them could have firearms.

Vincenzo Parisi, Italy's chief of police, tried repeatedly on Monday and yesterday to persuade the refugees to allow themselves to be sent back. Units of special anti-riot police have been brought to Bari, but Signor Parisi and Vincenzo Scotti, the interior minister, said they hoped a peaceful solution could be found. But time may be running out. Health authorities have issued a warning that there have been several cases of salmonella and that there is a danger of an epidemic.

President Cossiga yesterday flew to Tirana to confirm Italy's commitment to give 150 billion lire (£68 million) in aid to Albania. Italy also stepped up emergency food shipments yesterday in an effort to prevent a new exodus of refugees. The foreign minister, Gianni De Michelis, has pledged that Italy would cover Albania's basic food needs till November.

The European Commission already has doubled the aid earmarked for Albania to four million ecus (£2.72 million).

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Briton's drugs trial begins

By CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THREE Britons are among thousands of foreigners who have been caught in China's new drive against drugs. One of them, Mark Baber, aged 28, from Broadstairs, Kent, yesterday became the first Briton to be put on trial in China for a drugs offence.

Mr Baber, who is being defended by a Chinese lawyer, appeared in the Shanghai supreme court accused of drug smuggling, for which the maximum penalty is death. The hearing was adjourned after four hours, and it is not clear when it will continue.

Ian Cormack, the British vice-consul in Shanghai, China's largest city, who is attending the hearing, said: "We don't know yet when it will resume." He added that the adjournment might be for some days.

Mr Baber, thought to be travelling on a tourist visa, was arrested in Shanghai in March when, it is alleged, he tried to board a ship bound for Osaka in Japan carrying 7.2kg of marijuana.

The other two Britons were arrested a week ago in Xuzhou, northwest of Shanghai, accused of selling marijuana. They remain in detention. The authorities have not yet said if they will be put on trial.

Their names have not been released, but a Foreign Office spokesman in London said the two, a father and son, were detained on August 6 on suspicion of selling an unknown quantity of marijuana. The spokesman declined to name them but said their family had been informed. The father, in his forties, and the son, in his twenties, have lived in Asia for some years.

According to the Chinese criminal code, sentences for drug-related offences can range from immediate release in very minor cases to execution for more serious offences. A recent increase in drug trafficking and addiction in China has led the authorities to launch what they call a people's war on drugs. Courts have been ordered to punish offenders quickly and severely. Since then dozens of Chinese have been executed, thousands of mainly oriental foreigners have been arrested, and the death sentence has been upheld on a Burmese man convicted of smuggling heroin.

The drive against offenders is part of China's commitment to eliminate the drugs problem within three years. Wang Fang, a state councillor and former public security minister, told a national anti-drugs conference in June that the country was suffering its worst drugs problems since the 1950s. The conference was the largest of its kind in China since 1952.

America counts the cost of litigation

Washington — Even in the United States, a nation built on the rights of individuals, there must eventually be some limits. Before 10,000 members of the all-powerful American Bar Association, Dan Quayle, the vice-president, at last unveiled a plan to rein in a system of civil litigation that was "spinning out of control" (Martin Fletcher writes).

If the plan survives the predictable howls of America's $90 billion-a-year (£53 billion) legal industry, it could spell the end of the stunningly frivolous lawsuits and astronomical punitive damages for which this country is renowned. Such was the "growing explosion of litigation" that America now had 70 per cent of the world's lawyers. More than 18 million civil suits were being filed annually, making America "the most litigious society in the world", he said. Americans were now spending $300 billion (£176 billion) a year on legal fees and court costs.

The most striking of Mr Quayle's 50 recommendations is that punitive damages should henceforth be limited to the amount of the actual harm done.

Wall memorial

Berlin — A 75-yard stretch of the empty "death strip" behind the Berlin Wall is to be retained as a memorial to mark the death of the first person killed after the city was divided. After a bitter debate, the Berlin senate made its decision by a narrow margin yesterday.

Mengele haven

Rio de Janeiro — Brazilian authorities knew that Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz concentration camp doctor, was in Brazil as early as 1968, but did not arrest him, according to a declassified police report. His presence was not admitted officially until 1985 after his body was exhumed from a São Paulo cemetery. *(Reuter)*

Spanish road toll

Madrid — Seventy-eight people were killed in Spanish traffic accidents at the weekend, the highest number of road deaths recorded in Spain this year. The death toll on Spain's roads stands at 837 since the beginning of July. In the same period last year, 842 died. *(AP)*

Camp reprieve

Paris — The 89 families, including 250 children, living in tents near Austerlitz station won a temporary reprieve when a court postponed an expulsion order, originally set for August 12, until September 2. The regional chief constable has promised to house them, but the waiting time for homes is three years.

Bones claim

Tokyo — Japan appears more interested in disposing of, rather than identifying, dozens of fragmented skulls and thigh bones unearthed in Tokyo on the site of the second world war military medical school. Experts allege they could belong to Chinese and Soviet prisoners used for germ warfare experiments. *(AP)*

Japanese aid

Ulan Bator — Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, arrived in Mongolia with aid promises, including 948 million yen (£4 million) for installation of an earth satellite station to improve communications, and a cash grant of two billion yen for economic reform. *(Reuter)*

Suspects freed

Paris — Swiss police last week handed over to their French colleagues on the border the two Iranians now thought to have killed Shapour Bakhtiar, the former Iranian prime minister, believing their entry visas to be forged. They were not on a list of terrorists and were freed, the French interior ministry said. *(Reuter)*

Air blockade

Antananarivo — Madagascar international flights were cancelled for a third day, as the capital remained paralysed by a general strike called by the opposition coalition, Hery Velona ("lifeblood committee") after security forces killed at least 31 protesters in a weekend march on the presidential palace. *(AFP)*

Captains' table

Sydney — Pilots dismissed during the seven-month Australian domestic airline strike last year are planning to start their own domestic airline, AAA Airlines, next year. They would not only fly planes, but on some shifts would serve coffee and handle baggage.

Pretoria seeks to rescue Russians

From GAVIN BELL IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa is organising an airlift to rescue 163 crewmen from the Mikhail Somov, a Soviet research vessel trapped by pack ice in the Antarctic and exposed to severe midwinter storms.

Rescuers intend to ferry the crew by helicopter from the ship to the Soviet research station at Molodezhnaya, 30 nautical miles away, where an emergency airstrip is being built to allow a Soviet Ilyushin 76 transport aircraft to land and pick up the seamen. The aircraft is expected to arrive in Cape Town from Moscow tomorrow and will leave for the Antarctic as soon as the weather improves sufficiently.

The Ilyushin is expected to need two trips to bring the crew from the base to Cape Town. A second Soviet research vessel is expected to arrive in the port shortly to take the crew home.

A spokesman for the ministry of environmental affairs said the Mikhail Somov appeared to be in no immediate danger, and the crew and scientists on board were in good health. They were, however, exposed to strong winds and severe cold.

"Most countries operate in the Antarctic only between November and March. It's very late in the year for a ship to be in the region," the spokesman added. Soviet officials said the vessel had completed a 15-month mission but repeated attempts to break free of the ice had failed.

TSARIST NOTEBOOK by Bruce Clark

Old Russia's guardians court emigré return

Mother Russia has finally resolved to settle the family's bitter feuds, open her arms wide and welcome back her lost children ... or that, at any rate, is the idea.

In the most ambitious of several competing plans to reinvolve a suspicious Russian diaspora in the affairs of its homeland, up to 800 more or less distinguished emigrés are expected to descend on Moscow shortly for a grandly named Congress of Compatriots. They will attend services in places such as the Kremlin's Cathedral of the Dormition and the Novodevichy monastery, which have been silent for most of the last 74 years.

They will also join senior academics, writers and officials in worthy discussions on Russia's heritage. And times being what they are, they will inevitably be guided towards Russia's new class of business managers and entrepreneurs and asked if they can see their to way to a little investment.

The 12-day exercise will also feature events in Leningrad and Sverdlovsk (St Petersburg and Ekaterinburg, to use their past, and probably future, names) as well as two less romantic cities, Perm and Novosibirsk. The plan is supported by Boris Yeltsin, clearly counting on his newfound legitimacy as a popularly elected, non-communist leader of Russia to overcome the hostility of most emigrés to anything that moves in Bolshevik territory.

Well cast in the role of project director is Mikhail Tolstoy, an engaging and intelligent young scion of the literary family who is a science professor and a member of the Russian parliament. The Soviet per-



sonalities who have promised to help with the exercise range from Dmitri Likhachev, the respected octogenarian writer and historian, to Grigori Yavlinsky, the whizz-kid economist who collaborates with colleagues from Harvard on multibillion-rouble plans for economic revival.

However, anything that involves enticing successful emigrés back to their hard-pressed homeland is so vulnerable these days to charges of cynical hustling for cash that Mr Tolstoy has been at pains to dispel all such notions. "Our main task is not to rope our compatriots into solving our domestic problems but to offer help to those who have been deprived of their homeland ... as well as moral compensation."

Clearly some sections of the Russian diaspora are not convinced. The writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn has turned down an invitation to attend.

The organisers themselves admit that not everything is right in Russia. Not least among their worries is that Khronid Lubarsky, a dissident who played a prominent role in Andrei Sakharov's human rights campaigns and now lives in the West, is having difficulty getting permission to re-enter the Soviet Union for the congress, though he is billed as a leading participant.

Among the many efforts now under way to revive pre-revolutionary traditions, few can be so bizarre as the plan to return a beautiful old building in central Moscow, now used by the defence ministry as a library and military history institute, to its role as a finishing school for "well-born ladies".

This genteel institution will provide lessons in French, German, Latin, Greek, Russian literature, dancing and drawing. Its sponsors include a consortium of Russia's booming new commercial banks.

Warning by Pavlov of 'power vacuum'

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

VALENTIN Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, yesterday outlined measures to keep the country warm and fed during the winter, but revealed that he might have no power to implement them once the signing of the Union Treaty begins next week.

The remarks of Mr Pavlov, who claimed that the country could face "a complete power vacuum" after August 20, when three of the four biggest republics are to sign, underlined the continuing administrative and economic shambles in the Soviet Union, and the power struggle between centre and republics. He appeared to be responding to Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, who had stated that central authority would "fall away" once Russia signed.

As the prime minister was speaking in Moscow, leaders of the five Central Asian republics were assembling in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekhistan, for a meeting today on economic co-operation.

● **Call-up protests:** The Soviet Union's traditionally passive students have announced a series of protests against plans to restore conscription for all 18-year-olds, including prospective students. The proposed change is developing into a top-level tussle between sections of the military, politicians and the education authorities.

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Steps toward a royal recovery: Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands leaving the Peace Palace in The Hague to attend an official engagement for the first time since she broke her leg on holiday two weeks ago. The queen, aged 53, tripped while walking near her summer home in northern Italy, fracturing her right fibula

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TV news adjusts to real life

America's troubled TV networks are turning the news into 'reality TV'. James Bone reports

At America's CBS television network, the word is that earlier this year Andrew Heyward was offered the job of executive producer on the *CBS Evening News*, the half-hour evening showcase of the network's news division, starring veteran anchorman Dan Rather. But Mr Heyward turned it down.

The reason was not so much that Mr Heyward knew something the rest of the network did not. What he knew was plain for all to see. Over the past decade, the three American networks' combined share of the nightly news audience has plummeted from 72 per cent to 59 per cent. The very existence of traditional network news is now under threat. The networks' response — cutting staff and turning with a vengeance towards "infotainment" — may soon be emulated by cash-starved British news outfits.

The 1980s wrought great changes in American network television. Not only did news divisions face competition from the 24-hour Cable News Network and more assertive local stations, but all three networks were sold into the hands of cost-conscious investors — Capital Cities Communication took control at ABC, General Electric at NBC, and hotel magnate Lawrence Tisch at CBS.

This year, with the networks reeling from the cost of covering the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the Gulf war, the cuts in news divisions have been particularly severe. ABC is shedding 100 staff, closing its bureaux in Rome and St Louis and reducing its operation in Miami. NBC has closed its New York, Miami and Frankfurt news bureaux, and is scaling back in London, Boston and Pittsburgh. CBS cut 100 people in March. All three networks also plan to take more footage from foreign news services.

Mr Heyward's importance in network news is that, having dared to spurn Dan Rather, he is trying to lead CBS's news division towards both fun and money. Instead of joining *CBS Evening News*, Mr Heyward chose to remain at the head of the 60-person unit that produces a news magazine called *48 Hours*. He is now using the unit to spearhead CBS's drive towards a more popular type of news, based on the increasingly popular "reality TV".

Reality-based programming, which uses real life rather than fiction as entertainment, has surged on to the American airwaves in the past five years. The Hollywood trade paper *Variety* recently headlined a report on the trend "Hot Genre Gluts TV Market".

What started in the mid 1980s with a handful of highly successful TV specials, such as NBC's *Missing: Have You Seen This Person?*, has burgeoned into an industry within an industry. There are now almost two dozen reality-based shows on American television, ranging from talk shows to re-enactments of gruesome crimes.

As the border between news and entertainment, between fact and fiction, began to blur, news magazine programmes joined the trend. Typically costing only half the $1 million-an-hour price of television drama or sitcoms, they draw high ratings for little money. *48 Hours* is currently just behind CBS's *60 Minutes*, which leads the race, and ABC's *20/20*.

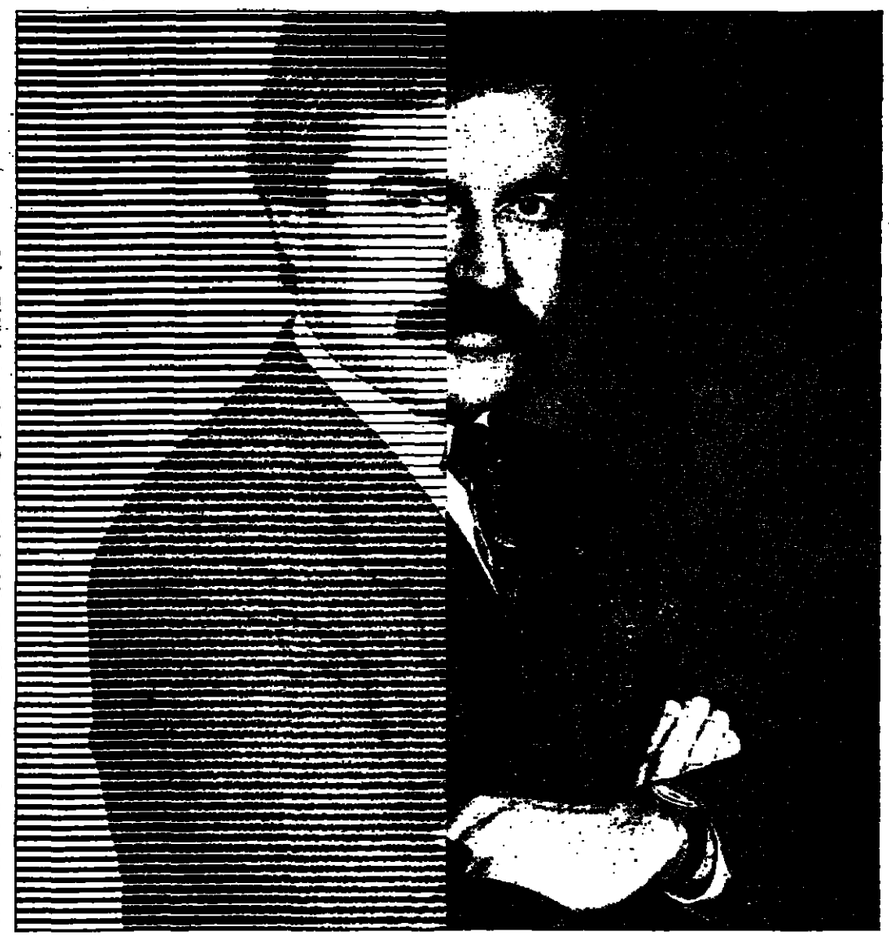
Mr Heyward's *48 Hours*, in which CBS correspondents parachute in to cover a story for two days, grew out of a 1986 drugs special called *48 Hours on Crack Street*. Now, under his guidance, *48 Hours* itself has spawned two new reality-based programmes which Mr Heyward hopes will show that non-fiction produced by the network news division can rival the entertainment wing, and the independently produced "tabloid TV" shows.

The first, *Whose Side Are You On?*, offers viewers the pleasure of participating vicariously in a half-hour debate on one of the burning issues of the day. The show, which is getting a three-week tryout, begins with the anchor presenting a current news story: Two lawyers, aided by six-minute video segments, then take opposing sides in the discussion, and they are judged by a panel of "leading American citizens" ranging from the editor of *New Republic* magazine, Fred Barnes, to the erstwhile tennis star Arthur Ashe.

The first three programmes deal with whether a California man should have been convicted of murder for aiding the suicide of his terminally ill wife, whether rape victims should be named, and whether public pressure should outweigh a criminal's right to parole.

Mr Heyward's second new offering is an eight-part pilot series called *Verdict*, in which the audience is treated to an examination of real-life trials, including interviews with the participants.

Initial reaction to the new direction taken by the once grand CBS News, home of Walter Cronkite, has not been terribly favourable. Tom Shales, a critic for the *Washington Post*, summed up widespread reservations: "If it's going to take programming as suspect and grubby as *Verdict* to keep CBS News in operation, maybe it would be just as well to have a going-out-of-business sale and say the hell with it." The debate seems worthy of *Whose Side Are You On?*



Dual purpose: CBS's Andrew Heyward spurned a top job on straight news to make "reality programmes"

MEDIA WATCH

Getting in first

THE BBC, under the scrutiny of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for using its television airtime to advertise its magazines, is test-marketing its own insurance scheme, Telecover, by sending mailshots to all those who have bought televisions recently. The corporation, which is using TV purchase data provided by retailers to the TV Licensing Centre, admits it is getting information to which rival insurance companies do not have access.

Karaoke time

KARAOKE moves into the living room this Friday when Lifestyle Satellite Jukebox, the all-night interactive music video channel, launches television's first karaoke service. Viewers with Astra dishes need only dial 0839 656565 to vote for their preferred "Laserkaraoke" tracks, attach a microphone to their television and sing along to the viewer-selected videos, which flash the words on screen. The service runs from 10pm to 5am Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Good news

ITN has made a small operating profit for the financial year ending July, despite a £250,000 overspend on Gulf war coverage over and above the extra £5 million allocated last January by its ITV company shareholders. The profit, however, does not include £4 million exceptional costs relating to the recent 137 redundancies or the shortfall in revenue from the new Gray's Inn Road premises.

In the grove

THE BBC's Lime Grove studios were closed only last month and already a day-long tribute to their role in the formative years of television is planned. An untransmitted pilot of a *Dr Who* programme — *The Unearthly Child* — as well as episodes from *Quatermass II* and *Dixon of Dock Green* will feature in Grove Day, which BBC2 will broadcast on August bank holiday (Monday, August 26).

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

The truth about politics

Why political parties are exempt from the usual advertising constraints

POLITICAL advertising will continue to be exempt from the need to be "truthful" under the code of advertising practice, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) has decided.

The ASA's ruling this month follows weeks of debate in the media after it emerged that the ASA had received 108 complaints about Saatchi & Saatchi's latest slogan for the Conservative party, "Labour's going for broke again", complete with a government health warning.

"We have just repeated what we've always said," says Caroline Crawford, the ASA's press officer. "We can't interfere with the opinions expressed in advertisements by political parties. We would normally ask an outside adviser to substantiate the facts in complaints about consumer advertisements, but who would we find to be an impartial outside adviser to decide on the truthfulness of facts in political ads?"

But what of the 108 complaints about Saatchi & Saatchi's ad? Inevitably, if you ask the man in the street if political advertising should be truthful, he would say yes, Miss Crawford says. But explain to him the practical difficulties of enforcing such a decision, and he would reconsider: "In practice he would understand it's almost impossible."

She says that almost none of those complaining said they had been misled; rather, complainants feared that others might be misled, an unprovable assertion.

Barry Delaney, a creative partner of Delaney Fletcher Slaymaker Delaney and Bozell, who has worked for Labour on several election campaigns, agrees with Miss Crawford that the public is less susceptible to brain-washing than some believe. "Political parties are found out if they consistently lie," he says.

Miss Crawford cites the case of Nalgo. In May, the town hall union ran a £1.5 million campaign attacking the government's spending levels on the social services. Nalgo was forced to admit that it had used models in the ads instead of genuine victims of government cuts, after the models complained to the press. "Every national newspaper ran a story on the subject. There was no need for the ASA to intervene," Miss Crawford says.

Chief among the ASA's critics are anonymous "insiders" at the Labour party's headquarters in Walworth Road, who express themselves keen to see the ASA sharpen its claws, though the official Labour party position is that it would be almost impossible to enforce "truthfulness". Tory Central Office's only comment is that the ASA is an independent body.

Lord Thomson of Monifieth, a former chairman of both the ASA and the Independent Broadcasting Authority, says: "The ASA was right to stick to its guns. If there was a regulatory body for advertising to adjudicate on factual statements in political advertising, it would be a total quagmire. It would be inappropriate within the principles of a democratic society." The only people calling for such regulation are individuals within the Labour party, he says. "And as soon as the Labour party became the government, they would be as reluctant as anyone to set up such a body."

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Morris glancing

AN EXHIBITION entitled The Art of Design, devoted to the Victorian fabric designer William Morris, begins today at the London showrooms of Arthur Sanderson and Sons. The exhibition coincides with Sanderson's launch of the Morris & Co Volume IV collection of fabrics, wallpapers and co-ordinating Jacquard tapestries, produced from documented designs held in the Sanderson archives since Morris & Co went into liquidation in 1940. Sanderson, which had previously printed fabrics for Morris, took over all the blocks at that time, and many of them will be on show in its "Morris room" over the coming month.

The exhibition, at 52 Berners Street, London W1P 3AD (071-636 7800), continues until September 14 during normal opening times (9.30am to 5.30pm weekdays, 9am to 5.30pm Saturdays). Prices of the new collection begin at £15 per metre for the wallpaper, £16 for the fabric and £31 for the tapestry weaves.

In the bag

THE accessory designer Lulu Guinness was not yet pregnant when she saw the need for a "baby bag" designed for mothers rather than babies, eschewing pink and blue bunnies. The result is a baby changing bag with padded mat in a dramatic gold and black heraldic fabric by Celia Birtwell. In a plastic coating that gives the effect of patent leather, the Lulu Baby Bag costs £49.35, including postage and packing, from Alison Hargreaves Associates, 51 Hanbury Street, London E1 5JP (071-247 9195), or direct from the Celia Birtwell shop at 71 Westbourne Park Road, London W2 (071-221 0877). And now that Mrs Guinness is about to become a mother, watch out for some chic, co-ordinated baby slings and other nursery accessories.

Mayan craft

GUATEMALAN crafts and textiles will be on display in the basement exhibition room at Liberty, in Regent Street, London W1, from Friday until September 7. Embroidered, woven cotton shirts by the Mayan Indians – considered among the best weavers in the world – cost from about £40, and woven lengths of fabric from about £50.

V.McK.

Doing an Italian job on the English

An Italian has joined the ranks of foreigners taking an affectionate swipe at our little ways.

Stephanie Calman prepared to be provoked

TIM BISHOP



Trying to communicate: Giuseppe Severgnini, back in London this week to enjoy some more of his favourite British reticence

The first flat Giuseppe Severgnini rented in London was in a basement in Notting Hill. He had not been there long when a bunch of people turned up from Chicago, introducing themselves as the Jimi Hendrix fan club. Apparently he was occupying their idol's last home. For a writer, it was an auspicious start.

Signor Severgnini had envied British journalists long before being posted here as a special correspondent for *Il Giornale*, the Italian quality daily newspaper, in the 1980s. "The sheer variety of your sex scandals is quite wonderful," he says appreciatively. "Italian politicians are the most boring in the world. And if you do see them with a gorgeous brunette in intimate circumstances, you don't report it: it would only gain them more votes."

'The British eat worse than they would like to, but much better than we think they do'

Signor Severgnini's first interview here was with Christine Keeler. Shortly afterwards, he left the Hendrix shrine for a covetable flat in Kensington Church Walk, married his Italian girlfriend Orteusia, and set about observing the wild life in earnest. Bold expeditions were made to derelict inner cities, gentlemen's clubs, pubs and racetracks. He observed the natives eating, talking, dressing and falling down drunk, and has now gathered his findings into a book titled *Inglesi*. In returning here to publicise – or defend – it, he takes his courage in his hands. The Italians loved it, but then it was not about them.

"The British are not very communicative. They love tradition and read a lot, but don't wash too much." So runs one of many provocative Severgnini statements which hide among the thoughtful, meticulous reportage. After digesting them, it comes as a surprise to meet a lively but not loud, charming but not flirtatious man in a sober grey suit and glasses. At 34, Signor Severgnini disingenuously cultivates the demeanour of one of his favourite English tribes, the young fogies. He comments that "the British eat worse than they would like to, but much better than we think they do". If he is anything to go by, the Italians dress worse than we think they do, but better than he says they do. However, he is quick to establish his dubious status as an untypical Italian, citing by way of comparison the Milanese banker who turned up for work in the City in a patterned jacket and brown shoes. "They asked him if he was going shooting."

We are eating lunch at Chelsea Harbour, the sort of expensive, sterile development Signor Severgnini might well have documented. Our exact location is Deals restaurant (co-owner, Viscount Linley), a ranch-style room with soul music on the speakers and farming implements on the walls. The menu offers Korean, Thai and burger food under such headings as "Raw Deals" and "No Big Deals". What is his assessment?

"Why an English viscount would open a western diner in the middle of a post-modern marina designed by architects in blindfold is beyond me," he says. He cannot pronounce "viscount", but makes a wonderful lunch companion. Looking out at the view of the railway line, he imagines passing travellers must be tempted to throw things. Possibly, he says, that might account for the farming implements. None the less he is grateful for the invitation "to see the remains of an ancient civilisation: the 1980s".

We had set off from the Reform club and come here, around London in 80 delays, in keeping with Signor Severgnini's career, which is a testament to the benefits of straying from the beaten track. After just two weeks on *Il Giornale*'s foreign desk as a graduate trainee, he rode across Poland on a motor bike in 1982 at the time of martial law. The next ten years saw him posted to South Africa, the Middle East and most of Eastern Europe, including Moscow, to which he has recently returned. He is, he says, prepared to endure the numbing tedium of central committee briefings in order to gather the social nuggets which his readers like.

"Lately there's been a spate of thefts of red flags in Moscow," he confides delightedly. "The new craze this summer is for red trousers, and there's nothing else to make them out of."

His favourite thing about China – which ranks equal first with Britain in most-demanding postings – is the Chinese version of Monopoly. "It comes with a card inside which says 'Warning to children: this game is a capitalist ploy'."

And what is his favourite thing about England? Coming from a country where people are "too lively and too sincere", he claims to treasure reticence. "Ask an Italian how he feels, and you'll get a history of his digestive problems. A Brit will say 'very well, thank you' or, if he is dying, 'not too bad'."

From the candlelit east London mansions of the new Georgians to Newcastle in an Austin Montego, Signor Severgnini has covered the (post-modern) waterfront. He has a crazy fantasy that one day the English will fit their bathrooms with mixer taps "instead of one scorching, one freezing", and start using their bidets. Until then, he will continue to collect English words for lavatory – 29 so far – and would like to welcome his proud, rained-upon English friends into the European Community.

"Europeans think the British don't want to join them because they feel superior. It's actually because they're terrified of anything new. Look, you've survived losing the pound note and televising the Commons. Going into Europe, you'll be like a kid going to the dentist. We'll drag you screaming and kicking – and afterwards you'll say 'Oh, was that it?'."

In the meantime, he is proud to display those of our qualities which have rubbed off. "I'm quite good at lying now; I can be polite to people I hate. And", he adds, arms folded, "I only speak with my hands at weekends."

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Never mind the stereo – the family pet is often one of the biggest bones of contention when a couple splits up

A dog's life in the divorce courts

When is a dog no longer a dog? When a couple is divorcing. Then, according to British law, it becomes an "asset of marriage" and is no more significant than the record collection or the spice rack. The Belgians see it differently. There a pet is treated like a child, and in the event of divorce one of the partners will gain custody.

This week the Belgian appeal court has overturned a divorce ruling that gave Emile Desmet a right to take his mongrel Ben for walks every Saturday, so long as the dog did not come into contact with his new girlfriend's dog. Mr Desmet's wife, Marianne, who received custody of Ben, appealed against the decision and has won the right to keep Ben to herself. The court ruled that the wife "lives in a large house and the presence of a guard dog is necessary". After the court case Mme Desmet said: "My dog is my whole life. During our ten years of marriage, it was only Ben who was faithful to me."

After children, the family pet can become the most potent instrument in the game of possession-splitting that often occurs when a couple divorces. The house, monetary assets, furniture and cars are difficult enough to divide but ownership of the family pet is a particularly emotive subject. Like children, pets can prove tricky to divide.

Jane Simpson, the vice-chairman of the Solicitors Family Law Association and a partner at Manches and Co, a London firm of solicitors, believes that divorcing couples fight over money or possessions more than over pets, but that fights over animals are often more bitter. "Dispute over an animal is either very poignant or very vicious. If a couple are having a particularly acrimonious divorce, a dog is often a better weapon than an antique set of drawers," she says. "In a recent case a couple with no children were fighting over their sheepdog. The husband finally took the dog and said that his wife could see it every Saturday, but a friend had to deliver the dog because the husband refused to see his wife."

British courts will not normally make a special ruling for an animal unless there is a financial interest, perhaps involving a greyhound or a racehorse, Ms Simpson says. "Courts are only really interested in an animal if it has a high breeding value or is used in racing. Then it is easy because they can just split the value of the animal in half, with one getting the animal and the other getting financial compensation."

Tony Glue, the chief superintendent of the RSPCA Millbrook Animal Centre, wants the courts to decide who should have custody of the family pet. "Pets are often the innocent victims of matrimonial disputes, just like children, and should be treated in the same way. The judge should call on evidence as to who cuddled the pet more or looked after it better before deciding who should be given custody."

He says that he regularly receives animals from couples who are splitting up. "It happens all the time and if you are not careful you get involved in a domestic dispute. One half tries to dispose of the animal without telling the other. Then the other half storms in and tries to get it back again. The poor animal is caught up in a tug of hate. We have to tell them their dog is not a three-piece suite."

The animal can often suffer more than its owners, according to the zoologist James Serpell, who is the director of the Companion Animal Research Centre at the Cambridge Veterinary School. "If a couple are arguing the animal will often pick up the vibes and will start to behave badly long before the split-up," he says.

"Animals are creatures of routine they hate change and upheaval. If a couple divorces and the animal loses one of its owners it often becomes neurotic. It may feel unloved and use extravagant behaviour to draw attention to itself, or it may show phobic reactions and become afraid to go outside. Dogs in particular often become moody and aggressive and need a lot of support during a break-up."

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A-levels: how to keep a level head

How should families react when the exam grades are posted up tomorrow?

TIM BISHOP



Great expectations: but twins Philip and Ben Rowlands would prefer their parents "not to say much either way"

NEARLY a quarter of a million 18-year-olds have been biting their nails this week, waiting for the results of their A-levels, which become available tomorrow. The strain has been more subtle, but equally telling, on parents, who can lose a sense of perspective, together with their sense of humour, when results are not as expected.

"Nobody is ever content with failure, but in my experience the pupils don't see it as the end of the world if they have to take another year and re-sit exams," says Professor Lea S. Pearson, the chief psychologist and policy adviser in assessment and achievement for the education department of Birmingham city council. "The pressure often comes from families where there's a strong tradition to follow a particular profession, such as medicine, or to go to a particular institution."

Professor Pearson remembers "saying all the wrong things" to her daughter, now in her mid twenties, when her A-level results were poor. "She was able to walk through O-levels without doing any work and refused to believe that it was different with A-levels. I encouraged her to do a repeat year, which was probably a mistake because she was still in the same negative groove, so the results were equally bad. I now realise that you've got to be sure they are motivated to go back or they might be much better to do something completely different for a year."

Her daughter invoked what she believes is a common defence mechanism employed by disappointed exam-takers at this stage. "She said she didn't care, that I overvalued university education."

Later, she is happy to report, her daughter wanted to do a degree in archaeology. She took another A-level and got a good result and a university place as a mature student.

Dr Peter Tomlinson, a psychologist who is a senior lecturer in the department of education of Leeds university, has a daughter who did A-levels two years ago. "She did what she thought was well enough, but I think she didn't work hard enough," he recalls. Such clashes of expectations are common.

He hopes that most parents, by the time the results arrive, will have demonstrated to their children that "we are relatively relaxed because we know that there are various paths, and you can always try again or in a different way".

Dr Tomlinson says it is vital to work out alternative plans of action in advance of receiving results. "You should have talked through different scenarios in advance, and know what options are open in the event of results that are not what was expected.

"The one thing you don't ever say, or feel, is: 'This is it. If you don't get it now you'll never get it'," he warns. "And there is no point in acting disappointed. It's important to remember that a rebuff at this stage may not be 'the end'."

The temptation to say "I told you so" must be avoided at all costs. "You can always say it to your estranged spouse instead," says Dr Tomlinson, who is aware of the additional frictions that can arise when parents are divorced, and a child's poor examination results can be blamed on the custodial parent.

Professor Pearson says that even between parents who are not divorced, recriminations such as "If you hadn't let her stay out so late" or "If you had spent more time helping him" are common.

Dr Tomlinson's hunch that it is better for parents to be "cool and warm" (not too emotional, but supportive) is borne out by A-level pupils.

Philip Rowlands, who has the offer of a place at Bristol university provided he gets two Bs in his history, geography and economics A-levels, says: "I wouldn't like my parents to be that pleased or upset either way, and they're usually pretty reasonable. It's my life and I've got to take the responsibility for it."

HIS twin, Ben, who hopes to go to Nottingham university if he gets two Bs and a C in history, geography and sociology, agrees. "I'd like them not to say much either way. It's up to you to do well and it's your own fault if you don't."

Being the parents of twins taking examinations has additional stresses, as Philip and Ben's mother, Cherry Rowlands, a teacher and an educational adviser to the Twins and Multiple Births Association (Tamba), discovered during their GCSEs.

"Philip has always been more academically inclined than Ben, but we found Philip's results weren't quite as good as we had expected, although we didn't say that at the time. Then we went to get Ben's and they were much better than we'd hoped. It was very important to speak to them separately about how they felt, rather than comparing results – to show a child you value him for himself, not because of how he shapes up against his brother."

Rachel Hudson, a secondary schools consultant to Tamba, teaches A-level pupils as well as having identical twin sons doing their GCSEs. "What's terrible is if a break is forced on twins who have continued through school together simply because of different results in A-levels," she says. "Twins need special support from their parents and their twins, because there is always a danger that you would play down the success of one because the other has not done well. But you've *got* to celebrate with the one who has succeeded."

Professor Pearson and Dr Tomlinson agree that such a celebration is warranted, while drawing the line at other "carrots". "With the first standard assessment course for seven-year-olds starting this year, I've already come across those who'd been promised up to £50 if they did well," Professor Pearson says.

Finally, it is encouraging to hear Professor Pearson say that "whatever you say or do in the heat of the moment, if you've got a reasonable family relationship you should be able to retrieve things".

VICTORIA MCKEE

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: THEATRE

Terpsichorean turns for a political animal

Playwright David Pownall has created two shows working in collaboration with dancers. He tells Matt Wolf how the experience has benefited him as an author

While theatrical commentators frequently lament the state of new writing in British theatre, few playwrights working today bother to focus on what Konstantin in Chekhov's *The Seagull* refers to as "new forms": a textual adventurousness or marriage of disciplines that frees the genre.

Occasionally, however, playwrights do rework the parameters of their craft, although such experiments usually originate outside Britain: after winning a best play Tony award for his Broadway hit *M Butterfly*, writer David Henry Hwang in 1989 moved into performance art Off-Broadway with *A Thousand Airplanes on the Roof*, collaborating with the composer Philip Glass on a piece of high-tech music theatre. Examples of similar endeavours are rare, partly because such innovation is not encouraged by the theatrical establishment.

But few dramatists have worked with dance, a medium thought to be anathema to the traditional, text-based world of theatre. David Pownall, the 53-year-old Liverpudlian author of *Master Class*, is one of them. By coincidence, this year's Edinburgh Festival and Fringe provide the forum for two of his plays which incorporate the medium of dance.

The first of his current ventures, *Dinner Dance*, is a so-called "dance play" written for the contemporary dance troupe The Kosh, appearing on the Fringe. The second, *Nijinsky: Death of a Faun*, part of the main festival, is a solo piece written for a dancer, Nicholas Johnson, who has never acted.

Pownall is better known for his plays about heavyweight historical figures – Stalin, Prokofiev and Shostakovich in *Master Class* – and his stage adaptations of novels such as *Pride and Prejudice*, than for his interest in an art form, dance, about which he has been ambivalent: "I was never terribly interested in ballet because I found it frustrating inasmuch as it never seemed to go far enough in terms of telling the story or the emotions it could express."

His attraction to dance came via the possibilities of performance art, although Pownall remembers feeling wary when The Kosh asked him to collaborate with them on their 1987 work, *The Edge*. "I wrote a poem for Michael [Merwitzer, the Kosh's producer/director] telling him how impossible it was, but Michael is a very patient and persistent man. He said: 'Let's experiment'," Pownall recalls. The finished product, he felt, "was a wonderful realisation of what I had imagined. They had added so much without any damage to the text and the context; I was seduced into the power of the dance."



Pownall: changed by working in dance

As for new forms, Pownall embraces any and all redefinitions. "The times are pressing for different forms that will rejuvenate the dance and the theatre and between them both will come a new form that will give people what they want from live performance. Too often, going to the theatre at the moment can be a pretty dismal picture, because it is so restricted and seems to have been so debased. Maybe the public is saying: 'We want something else; we want you writers to try harder. Show us things we don't see, things we can't feel. Take us somewhere else.' "

Dinner Dance grew out of conversations with the eight dancers in The Kosh who knew the setting they wanted but needed a spoken text to go with it. The result, says Pownall, plays off the antithetical energies of a kitchen in the first act and a dance hall in the second. "A kitchen is a very restricted area; it's a place where people retreat to," he explains, whereas "to me, all my life, a dance hall has been a place of release." His task was one of "weaving the story through these characters from the kitchen and their day-to-day concerns and frustrations into the dance hall where they would realise everything within themselves, only in terms of an expression that was barbaric." Pownall argues that the dance, far from being subservient to the word, is in fact "launched by the word. The demand for a story in theatre is great, whereas ballets in general have very simple, even flimsy, stories which are enormously embellished by grace and beauty and finely tuned movement." The aim of *Dinner Dance*, then, is to fuse the two – to "blend the strength of the theatre story into the dance at just the right level.

"I gave the dancers names, and I gave them histories and I gave them characteristics. *Dinner Dance* has a linear story line which is approached in their kind of way; it's not the way I would ever create a stage play."

Nijinsky: Death of a Faun, on the other hand, is the latest in a series of solo plays which Pownall, a co-founder of the writers' company Paines Plough, has been writing on commission since 1975. Nicholas Johnson came to the author requesting a play about Nijinsky with which to launch a career in the theatre. The assignment posed its own challenges: "In a solo play, you don't think in the same terms," says Pownall, whose previous solo play, *Rousseau's Tale*, was written for National Theatre actor Stephen Boxer. "There is so little you can do on the stage that you've got to charge every word, every move that the actor can make. It is in its nature minimalist; you've got to get intensity on stage all the time."

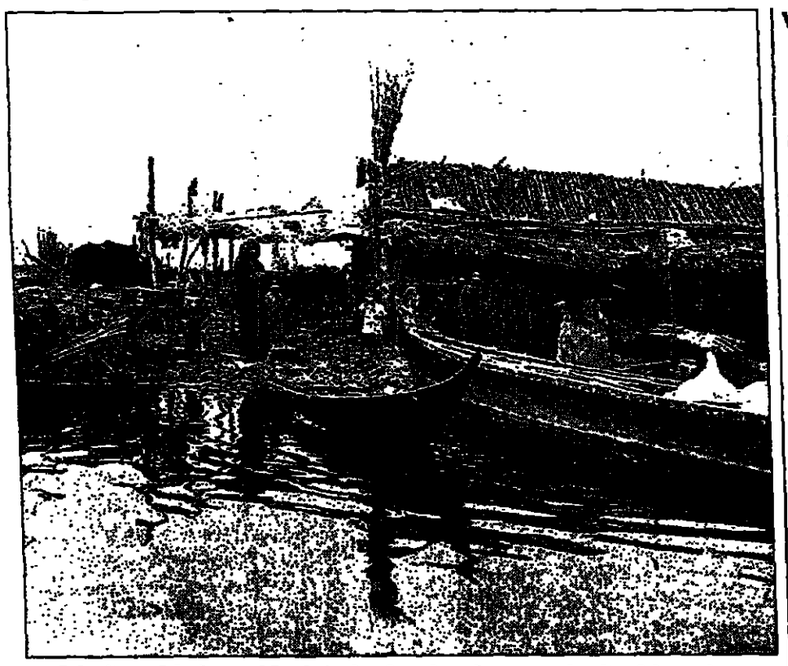
Pownall's topic is "all the forces that went first of all to create Nijinsky and then to destroy him". It is also about a kind of discipline which only a dancer acting a dancer could bring to the part. "There's something about going through the gruelling process of preparation to be a dancer and what it does to your relationship with yourself and your own body and own psyche. There's a kind of suffering in being that stern with your body and with a certain concept of beauty: this is what Nicholas was interested in."

Next, Pownall returns to the political realm of *Master Class* in a play, *My Father's House*, about Neville and Joseph Chamberlain, due at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre in October. Writing about real people, he says, "is a relief from creating fictional characters. It gives you a new flavour and uses a different part of your mind." But the author is convinced that his unexpected immersion in the world of dance has changed him as a writer. "It has made me ask questions about what I was writing in terms of imagining the actor on the stage; the writing's much more flexible now."



The Kosh in David Pownall's *Dinner Dance*: "blending the strength of the story into the dance"

● Dinner Dance *is at the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh (031-226 5257) until August 24.* Nijinsky: Death of a Faun *opens at the Physicians Hall Theatre, Edinburgh (031-225 5756) on August 28.*



Inheritors of the legacy: Marsh Arabs of southern Iraq, near the site of the ancient city of Uruk, as featured by Michael Wood in his new series, *Legacy*

Sumer is icumen back, as far as southern Iraq

Lynne Truss reviews the first part of *Legacy*, Central TV's archaeological series, broadcast on the ITV network last night

A few years ago, David Attenborough rounded off his famous *Life on Earth* series with a momentous analogy, in which he imagined the history of the earth as a span of 24 hours. "It is now 10.45pm," Attenborough said (or something like it), "and at this point the dinosaur rules the earth." It was fantastically exciting: the whole of "life on earth" turned out to have been packed into the last 90 minutes; and it was only with the seconds ticktocking towards the witching hour that Primitive Man finally came skidding into view. It was a near thing. While Big Ben struck midnight in the background, you could imagine Primitive Man holding his wristwatch to his ear, and looking puzzled.

Last night saw the first part of *Legacy* (Central/ITV), a new Michael Wood series on world civilisations. Treading through heaps of sand, bones and pottery, Wood entered the site of the ancient city of Uruk in southern Iraq, where the whole idea of cities was born, 6,000 years ago. Mesopotamia (the land lying between the Tigris and the Euphrates) was the cradle of civilisations; the site of the Garden of Eden. Where the walls of Uruk once stood, there are still 50-foot mounds, whipped by a hot wind; around it, the lone and level sands stretch far away.

Wood scrabbled in the surface dust as though it were a bran tub, and from it pulled out respectable prizes from Mesopotamia's extensive past: Parthian coins, broken tiles, shards of the earliest Sumerian pottery. It was so exciting that he seemed almost hysterical. "This is 6,000 years old!" he asked, showing a piece of tile to the Uruk watchman. "Ha ha ha ha." In terms of the planet's history, 6,000 years might be a few seconds; yet to see evidence of Sumerian civilisation simply littering the ground was breathtaking.

The idea of the series is to "look in the present for clues about the past, and in the past for clues about the present." With this thesis in mind, Uruk was definitely the place to start. It was here, apparently, that the wheel was invented; astronomy, literacy, education and cartography all took their first steps at this eastern reach of the Fertile Crescent. Strangely enough, it was in Uruk, too, that someone came up with the notion of dividing time into sixtieths, so that every time we look at the clock and say "Heavens, is that the time?", we are unknowingly indebted to Iraq.

But the point about the Sumerians was that they were a gloomy bunch, who guessed that civilisation was a Pandora's Box. Like ourselves, they shook their heads and said, "It can't go on like this." And of course, they were right. Life in the fast lane would entail penalties; there would be tears before bedtime.

Gilgamesh, who built the walls of Uruk, was told that civilisation was a dish to be taken whole: "Take it all. Once taken, you cannot give it back."

Gilgamesh wanted immortality, but could not have it; and Uruk itself expanded so quickly that its economy collapsed. Looking at the turmoil of Iraq's subsequent sorry history (and the world's), you could only regret that Gilgamesh had not driven a slightly better bargain.

Wood's journey through Iraq's past was made on the eve of the Gulf war, so its revelations of a people forever submitting to sadistic dictators and brutal invaders were spiced with a little short-term hindsight about the happenings since Christmas. The reign of Saddam, in the context of 6,000 years, may be a very short one, yet the lessons of history give little comfort.

Saddam's monuments are unlikely to be reduced by time to a small pile of stones in a desert. He has rebuilt Babylon, for a start, signing his name on every fiftieth brick. He is like Shelley's Ozymandias, but without the necessary irony. When he says, "Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair," he really means it.

VIDEOS: OPERA

From murky depths brave voices gleam

Wagner: Lohengrin. Vienna State Opera/Abbado. Virgin Classics VVD 841.
Verdi: Giovanna d'Arco. Teatro Comunale, Bologna. Teldec Video 9031-71478-3.
Rossini: La cambiale di matrimonio, Il Signor Bruschino. Schwetzingen Festival. Teldec Video 9031-71479-3, 9031-71482-3.
Maria Callas: Débuts à Paris. EMI Classics MVD 99 1258-3.

The clear intention of the best of the summer releases of opera on video is to provide a seat in the stalls. There is no longer the pussyfooting approach: a horridly memorable version of the Glyndebourne *Macbeth* started with helicopter shots of the serene Sussex countryside while the orchestra rapped out Verdi's blasted heath music. Now the conductor steps into the pit, the overture begins and at the close all take their curtain calls. And that is how it should be, even if the camera does sometimes have to try and penetrate the murk on stage.

For much of its length (220 minutes) the Vienna *Lohengrin* is distinctly dark. After his arrival on a silvery swan it is not too easy to discern all the features of Placido Domingo's knight until the end of Act II. But there is no mistaking the voice in one of his rare excursions into Wagner. Covent Garden was promised the Domingo Lohengrin a couple of seasons back, but alas it did not happen. This Vienna performance is good enough to raise hopes that *Tristan*, so long considered, will materialise one of these days with London on the itinerary.

Cheryl Studer, whose current absence from Covent Garden is inexplicable, is the radiant Elsa. Villainy is well looked after by Dunja Vejovic (Ortrud), with many a baleful look to camera, and Hartmut Welker (Telramund). Robert Lloyd as King Henry completes a starry cast. But best of all is the conducting of Claudio Abbado.

To hear Abbado in opera it is usually necessary to go to Vienna, and to hear Riccardo Chailly (other than in concert), Bologna is the required destination. In his home house he makes out a powerful case for Verdi's early opera *Giovanna d'Arco*, with another soprano that the Garden appears to be ignoring, Susan Dunn, in the title role. The Bologna *Giovanna*, staged by film director Werner Herzog, is almost as dark and formalised as the Vienna *Lohengrin*, but there are moments in the plot which could do with a black veil being drawn over them.

Verdi took a risk in letting his heroine abide by a vow of silence in Act II, when Joan of Arc is accused of witchcraft. Susan Dunn, looking and sounding a little like Margaret Price, certainly makes up for it in the other acts with some singing fit for a heroine. The tenor role of Charles VII is no more than adequately taken by Vincenzo La Scola, but Renato Bruson shows just how well he can handle Verdi as Joan's double-dealing papa, who is mightily relieved at the end to see his daughter go up not in flames but raised aloft to heaven by a band of angels.

From the baroque theatre of Schwetzingen, near Darmstadt, come two slices of the so-called Rossini "Ring". The director Michael Hampe has staged these early one-acters in similar reception rooms, where the world outside is seen through tall glass doors.

In **La cambiale di matrimonio** (*The Marriage Contract*), Rossini's first performed opera, a Canadian merchant (Slook) has come to town for a bride but does the right thing when he discovers his intended loves someone else. **Bruschino** – sunny Italy outside this time – is the more familiar and accomplished piece, in which the girl once again ends up in the right arms. The singing is decent rather than startling, with the buffos, Alberto Rinaldi and (especially) Alessandro Corbelli, taking the honours under Gianluigi Gelmetti.

Callas admirers will pounce on the tape from French television of her belated debut at the Paris Opera on December 19, 1958. Once the commentator's sycophantic celebrity-spotting is out of the way, Callas is in for a hefty and impressive sing. Norma is there, plus Leonora (*Trovatore*) and Rosina (*Barbière*). There follows Act II of *Tosca* in tatty sets and with a Cavaradossi (Albert Lance) who sounds as though he is singing in French rather than Italian. But never mind, pair Callas with Gobbi's Scarpia and the combination is unbeatable.



Callas: hefty programme

JOHN HIGGINS

BRIEFING

Epstein in for Wales

THE American Matthew Epstein has been appointed as general director of Welsh National Opera, succeeding Brian McMaster who is leaving WNO to take up the directorship of the Edinburgh Festival. Epstein, who is from New York, is currently vice-president and special consultant to Columbia Artists Management and is artistic adviser to a number of opera companies in the United States. While serving as artistic director of the opera programme at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, he was responsible for inviting the Welsh company to make its American debut there in 1989. Epstein takes up his new post in Cardiff on August 28.

Geordie Golem

JOHN Casken's opera *Golem*, with which the Durham University lecturer last year won the first Britten Award for Composition, is to be toured round Britain in the autumn. Fittingly, this new production – to be unveiled at the Newcastle Playhouse on October 17, then taken on an Arts Council Contemporary Music Network tour – will be a collaboration between two Tyneside-based companies: the Northern Sinfonia and Northern Stage. Casken has strong ties with the Northern Sinfonia; last month the orchestra gave the premiere of his Cello Concerto, with Sinfonia director Heinrich Schiff playing the solo part.

All their own

AFTER two years of healthy sponsorship, the exhibition of the best work by this year's graduates of five of London's leading art colleges opens tomorrow despite having no sponsor. Anna Kindersley, organiser for the Federation of British Artists, says students are hanging their own work, while a friendly graphics company is providing the catalogue. The exhibition, *Into the Nineties*, is at the Mall Galleries (071-930 6844) until the end of August.

Last chance . . .

AT ITS best, Russian acting has a generosity that makes the British seem visually and emotionally stingy; and the Lenkom Company's production of *Too Clever By Half* at the Empire, Edinburgh, is Russian acting at its best, raising Ostrovksy's tale of an unscrupulous opportunist into a big, bold picture of spiritual destruction in society at large. Last chance to catch the satiric revelry is on Saturday. Tickets are available from the Edinburgh Festival box office on 031-225 5756.

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RECORDS: CLASSICAL

Choice of rakes

Strauss: Ein Heldenleben/Don Juan. Royal Liverpool PO/Pesek. Virgin VC7 91171-2.
Strauss: Don Juan/Aus Italien. Cleveland Orch/Ashkenazy. Decca 425 941-2.

THOSE impressed by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic's Proms performances last night and tonight may like to search out its latest record. The RLPO is featured on one of two recent discs of orchestral music by **Richard Strauss**, each of which includes the symphonic poem *Don Juan*.

Both the Cleveland Orchestra under Vladimir Ashkenazy, and the RLPO conducted by Libor Pesek have been recorded close and at high dynamic level. The engineers of the RLPO's disc have captured well the warm ambience of the orchestra's home, the Philharmonic Hall, and enormity of emotion rather than crispness prevails in Pesek's Strauss. His account of *Ein Heldenleben* is graced by lovely violin playing from Malcolm Stewart, while both works abound with fine wind solos and, of course, the usual resplendently ringing horns.

Ashkenazy's Cleveland players are given a rather edgier ambience, better suited to this conductor's nervy manner. Faster passages in this *Don Juan* seem to go faster than Pesek's, but slower ones are correspondingly slower.

The bulk of the disc is taken up by a gloriously colourful performance of the four-movement *Aus Italien*, a work written just before *Don Juan* in 1886-7, but inhabiting an entirely different world where nature, not man (or rather self), is the hero. Consequently, flavours of Mendelssohn and Schumann permeate moments of this score, which can be safely recommended even to those for whom Strauss otherwise leaves a bad taste in the mouth.

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Don't junk the ads

Michael Grade on telly-bashing

On August 9, a headline in *The Times* read: "Ban urged on junk food TV adverts". This is the latest evidence of a growing tendency among politicians and special interest groups to blame television for those problems that will not go away. They then seek to impose restrictions on broadcasting.

The reasons are transparent. The politicians want to deflect criticism and be seen to be doing something; but most of all they want to avoid the really tough decisions. Interest groups just want publicity.

Take the so-called Sinn Fein ban: if Parliament really wants to deny publicity to terrorists and their supporters (even those elected through the ballot box), it has power to proscribe the offending organisations. But because it cannot bring itself to do this, it stops the broadcasters from transmitting direct speech, a rather feeble way of being seen to do something, and ignores the damage to freedom of speech.

The health lobby is quick to exploit this trend. *The Times* headline about junk food arose from a report in *The British Medical Journal*, which contained recommendations by the Medical Research Council to help the government reach its targets for a better national diet. In the report, Sheila Bingham concludes that food rationing and taxes on saturated fats and sugars are probably politically unacceptable. The council then leaps to the conclusion that there should be a ban on television commercials for some foods and drinks. Why?

If consumer health measures, however desirable, are politically unacceptable, why should television have to bear the consequences? Banning television ads achieves nothing. Most television advertising is about protecting or increasing brand share of an existing consumer market. Preventing such advertising would do nothing to change people's smoking, drinking or eating habits. So there is no benefit in gagging the messenger. Worse, it encourages a false sense of security among the consumers.

The habit of blaming television has now spread to Brussels. Aware of "widespread public concern" about alcohol abuse, the Eurocrats are threatening moves against alcohol advertising on television. As in all such cases there will be no effort to invest in positive education about the effects of alcohol, and no effort to restrict sales: no attempt, that is, to address the underlying problem. Once again, television is the scapegoat.

This is a quick fix, without any benefit to the consumers it pretends to protect. Broadcasters and advertisers must resist more effectively. And it is time newspapers stopped colluding in this attempted deception, however much they stand to gain from displaced advertising revenue. Newspapers of all qualities seem unable to resist anybody up on their hind legs baying "television done it, guv".

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Whose death is it anyway?

The American way of dying, with its endless wrangles over rights, comforts no one but the lawyers, says **Alan Ryan**

America's passion for self-improvement has some peculiar results. Bookshops bulge with manuals on new ways to reduce dependence on fat, sex, how to win the approval of the boss, endless advice on how to have more fun, make more money, and to pursue happiness more successfully. Their keys to the secret of a happy life are varied, but the common slogan is: take control. This makes it all the odder that the latest bestseller among all these manuals is Derek Humphrey's *Final Exit*: a guide not to improving life but to improving death.

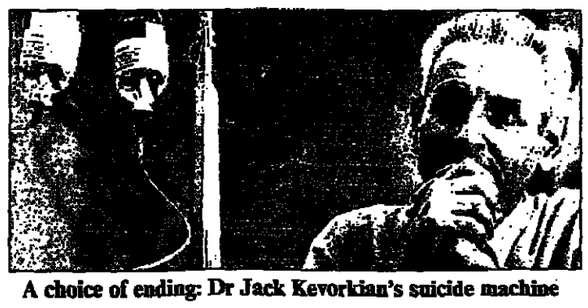
Odd, but not entirely surprising. Old age and death increasingly frighten the American public, and with reason. Eighty per cent of Americans now die in hospital. The old picture of a good death — dying quietly at home after saying goodbye to one's nearest and dearest — seems utterly out of date. As American newspapers have been reporting lately, the prospect for most of us is a solitary death when a doctor decides it is time to turn off the respirator.

The great terror is not the fear of dying but the fear of being kept alive. America is a notoriously litigious society. Doctors pay vast sums to insure against malpractice claims, so they are inclined not just to do what they can for dying patients, but to do so much that they can truly say death had to prise the patient from them. This is not just callousness. American physicians are rightly proud of their skills, as hospitals are of their equipment. They feel a duty to do as much as possible. Death is perceived as an insult to their technique.

American doctors are badly placed to handle death more sensitively. The GP, as known in Britain, is virtually extinct in the United States, so just when you need a doctor who really knows what is best for you, you are parcelled out between junior housemen and specialists who have just met you.

The British hospice movement has no American equivalent. The idea that a distinctive part of medicine is, or ought to be, nursing the terminally ill, neither to cure them nor prolong their lives, but to give them all possible psychological and physical comfort, has yet to take root.

Where the British hope to fall into kindly hands, Americans rely upon yet more law. Almost all the individual states now provide for the Living Will, which allows people to say what they would like done if a time comes when they can no longer speak up for themselves. Armed with a Living Will, patients can safely enter hospital knowing they will not be subjected to extraordinary means



A choice of ending: Dr Jack Kevorkian's suicide machine

of resuscitation, or have their dying needlessly prolonged. There is plenty of incentive to make a Living Will. For anyone not so armed, doctors — and in rough cases, courts — must rely on imprecise and insecure questions about what patients would have wanted if they had been asked. And where the answer is uncertain, the odds are that hospitals will play it safe by doing too much, rather than too little.

Two other matters cause more argument, though perhaps less misery. The first is the withdrawal of treatment from patients who are not exactly terminally ill, but who are terminally comatose, and thus incompetent. The most famous case was that of Nancy Cruzan, who had been in an irreversible coma for years, though the only "treatment" she needed was artificial feeding. Her family wanted her to be taken off her feeding tubes and allowed to die. Eventually, their wishes prevailed: the Supreme Court established that the state of Missouri had a legitimate interest in trying to keep Nancy alive, but that if she would clearly have wished to die rather than live in a coma, her wish overrode the state's interest. Cases like this are famous because the sufferers are young people who might live for decades. But these are much less common than cases about senile patients.

These cases raise nasty questions. Is denying food and drink to a relative who is not terminally ill different from licensed murder? That a patient's quality of life is about as bad as can be imagined is not a sufficient answer. What about deformed and mentally ill patients in institutions? Their quality of life is hardly better than Nancy Cruzan's was, but outside Nazi Germany, this has not been considered sufficient reason to let them die.

Ideally, a loving family should make such decisions, helped by kindly physicians, rather than lawyers and courts. But nobody trusts families either. If the life of a senile and comatose parent is at stake, who is to say if the children are moved by his or her welfare, or by mere convenience, or the wish to inherit? Who can rely on the family to be of one mind, rather than torn between the right-to-life movement and the Hemlock Society? Too many grandstanding lawyers and politicians in America drag such cases into court to promote their own careers; but they do not create the conflicts they profit from. They only stir an already bubbling pot.

It is not surprising that so many Americans are thinking about how to pre-empt the whole business, and this is where the second large question has been raised. What should doctors do for patients who wish to end it all themselves? Public sympathy is clearly on the side of doctors who help their patients to find a comfortable way out.

Jack Kevorkian built a suicide machine in the back of an old van, to deliver a painless, self-administered lethal injection. A 53-year-old woman who was in the early stages of Alzheimers' disease used it and died, but when Kevorkian was prosecuted he was acquitted. More recently, Timothy Quill, a doctor who wanted the subject discussed in public, described in a medical journal how he gave barbiturates to a leukaemia patient, with precise instructions on how large a dose would kill her. He was cleared of any wrongdoing by a grand jury, and was never prosecuted.

In America, where individual rights are the common coin of politics, people want to take control over the time and manner of their death. But here, too, the image of a good death has changed beyond recall. We increasingly envy the person whose threescore years and ten are terminated by something sudden and painless. No longer believing that the time of our dying is the time to reconcile ourselves with God and family, we hope to be bundled off the stage before we are aware that our time is up.

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Hounded by ignorant jealousy

Labour's hunting ban is just class war in a new guise, writes **Jonathan Clark**

Yet again, Labour has brought forward a policy statement that gives comfort to the anti-field-sport lobby and has promised a free Commons vote (its result hardly in doubt) on fox, hare and deer hunting with hounds. *Wildlife in the Countryside* is a carefully nuanced (or cynically compromised) document, but although the sentiments are old they now have a quite new significance.

In retrospect, it is clearer that the advance of socialism in 20th-century England was eased by a tacit but effective cultural concordat. Labour's Bismarckian agenda for state control of coal, steel and transport would triumph; in health care and education, collectivist provision would be accepted as a consensus. In return, many features of the Establishment culture were little disturbed.

The monarchy went untouched, on condition that George V (metaphorically as well as literally) donned a red tie to receive the first Labour prime minister. The House of Lords had already been disarmed by a militant Liberal party and now bought survival at the cheap price of a few Labour peers. Smart regiments were not democratised; the Inns of Court remained a patrician preserve. The established church mouthed the catchwords of the day, and was condescendingly tolerated. Eton, Henley and Ascot, and all they symbolised, were never confronted by English socialism. It was busy elsewhere.

Socialism's core was its formulas for economic ownership and control. But as these formulas fail, socialists are driven back to other positions, forced to re-emphasise them and make them intellectually central. So class survives not as "location within the means of production", but as autonomous lifestyle. Collectivism survives not as fraternity but as moral authoritarianism. Equality survives not as the enhancement of the material living standards of the respectable poor, but as a reason for extending parity of esteem to those whom Clement Attlee would have scorned as deviants and drop-outs.

The bulk of Labour voters retain the ordinary decencies of the English, but the intellectual breakdown of socialism means the subtle transformation of Labour values into an endorsement, indeed a triumphant affirmation, of the underclass against the respectable. The recent proliferation of "street people", especially in Labour-controlled cities, may reflect more than unemployment and the closing of mental hospitals. The young and able-bodied who choose that lifestyle seem to be upheld by a crusading zeal.

They need cultural targets, and if semi-detached respectability is all too dull, foxhunters in pink coats could hardly be better. For huntsmen not only symbolise a mounted ruling class, a uniformed caricature of the Norman Yoke, they stand on the wrong side of the chasm dividing city and country, and arouse the instinctive incomprehension of the Labour intelligentsia. Worse still, they are apparently unkind to furry animals.

The use of hunting as an ideological lever is not entirely new. Once, the countryside echoed to the clash of poacher and gamekeeper. The notorious Game Act of 1671, seemingly a natural expression of the Restoration ascendancy of squire and parson, was the first of two dozen 18th-century Acts which effectively limited hunting to men of property and led to a sort of guerrilla warfare across the shires. Only the smashing of a whole social order let through the Game Reform Act of 1831 on the back of parliamentary reform.

Poachers were as cruel to game as gentry hunters, but that is not germane. Nor is the discovery by a recent historian that poachers were more affluent, and the laws less oppressive, than legend depicted. The point was the clash of values that the laws expressed.

Anyone, not only property owners, could legally hunt foxes, which were classed as vermin. Despite the advance of democracy, the 19th century became the golden age of the hunt, immortalised in the writing of "Nimrod" (Charles Apperley) and Robert Surtees. Such Works as *Jorrocks's Jaunts and Jollities* (1838) and *Mr Sponge's Sporting Tour* (1853) epitomised a lifestyle. Its poet laureate was Surtees: "'Untin' is all that's worth living for . . . It's the sport of kings, the image of war without its guilt, and only five-and-twenty per cent of its danger." The thrill was not in the cruelty: "It ar'n't that I loves the fox less, but that I loves the 'ound more."

There had always been a moral critique of hunting, though anciently because of its effect on the emotions of the hunter, not the sufferings of the animal. Clergy were forbidden to hunt by the Council of Agde (506 AD), though later they started hunting small animals (foxes and hares), until that Enlightenment figure Pope Benedict XIV (1740-58) banned the practice for clergy once more. For laymen hunting had always been allowed but gradually it came under attack from 18th-century sentimentalists, such as the poet William Cowper.



The unelectable in pursuit of the unpalatable: Labour is again proposing to ban hunting

By the 19th century, the critique had taken anthropological dress. As the historian James Anthony Froude put it, "Animals never kill for sport. Man is the only one to whom the torture and death of his fellow creatures is amusing in itself." This was scientifically inaccurate (the fox, for one, does not share Froude's complacency), but the critique of the hunter had great moral force.

As society was secularised, the force of Froude's critique grew. People ceased to believe that God had given to Adam and Eve "dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth". The wholly irreligious part of our political culture finally extends its ideas of rights even to animals (at least, to mammals; Labour voters are still keen anglers).

In the mental world of the new egalitarianism, this ascription of rights has an added significance. It becomes a critique of the fox-hunter, his class, his lifestyle, his smartness, his self-esteem, his traditionalism, his superb Englishness. It becomes an aspect of the self-assertion of the underclass, and of the values of an intelligentsia that needs to find a new definition of the class war. In that at least they may be succeeding.

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...and moreover

Alan Coren

Last night I went into the restaurant business. It was worse than dreaming I went to Manderley again. It could be the worst thing that has ever happened to me on Finchley Road. And worse yet is the likelihood that though I was in it for only two hours, the trauma will dog me for the rest of my days; because you can take the boy out of the restaurant business, but you cannot take the restaurant business out of the boy.

I did not intend to go into the restaurant business. I intended merely to go into a restaurant. I did not even intend to go into the restaurant I went into, but the one I did intend going into was shut, so I crossed the road and went into this other one, which as a matter of fact was one I had always intended not going into. That is because it is called Just Around The Corner, and, well, you know how it is, you make little vows to yourself in the course of a life, and one of mine is a determination not to condone ropey commercial jokes. I spent a year in San Francisco not going to bars called My Place and My Apartment and My Pad and so on, which left very few bars to go to, and, 30 years on, I do not wish to hear myself saying "Let's go to that place Just Around The Corner."

I was not proved wrong. Except that, last night, the ropey joke did not stop at the fascia. It did not stop at all. You had to get out for the joke to stop, but you could not get out until you had condoned it.

The place, mind, turned out to be a comfy enough mock-Alpine spot, whose proprietor was a delightful simulacrum of Bob Hoskins, though even smaller; if Hoskins were a *matrioshka* doll, you would have to unscrew at least two heads before you got to the chap who now bobbed before us with crudités and menus. So it was all right; until the menus.

My companion looked at hers, then at me. (I call her that because it is what you do when writing about meals — an odd convention, as if food critics were forced to hire people from the back of *The Lady* to push them to the restaurant in a bath-chair and read Trollope to them as they gorged.) "It calls itself," she said, "the only restaurant in the world without prices."

I opened mine. Nothing was costed. Grim news: what could it imply but that they catered only for those who did not care what they spent? If you have to ask, you can't afford it. Then again, do you offer proof of this by getting up and slouching out?

I ordered crab profiteroles and a veal escalope, my companion opted for smoked salmon blinis with caviar, and a stuffed trout. Now, the food wasn't bad — despite the unease which goes with not knowing how much money you have in your mouth at any given moment — but that is not the point. The point arrived with the bill, which itself arrived only moments after I had called for it; so quickly indeed that we had not yet come to a conclusion as to why West Indian cricketers were named after English villages (we had recently stayed in Courtney Walsh, which boasts an even prettier church than Curtly Ambrose, though Clayton Lambert has, of course, the better pubs) and may never get to the bottom of it, now.

Because when I turned the bill over, all other thoughts fled. There were no prices on the bill, either. I called the waitress.

"You pay what you think the meal was worth," she said.

Try it. Try guessing the weight of a profiterole's worth of crab, setting the guess against a cost of £6.50 a lb at Waitrose, pricing the skill involved in cobbling choux pastry, and adding it to the amount of gas required to cook it. Try recalling the quality of earlier-eaten smoked salmon and adding it to the value of uncounted lumpfish eggs. How much is a blini? How many chef-minutes go into stuffing a trout? Was it a farm trout, or had the proprietor caught it, in which case there was his petrol to take into consideration, never mind lost flies? What is the mark-up on wine I can buy at four quid? Were the crudités free, or did we have to assess the value of a radish?

"Then there's his rent," said my companion, after half an hour.

At tables all around us, other brains were being racked. It was like an examination hall. You wanted to sneak a look at their calculations. Would I end up looking a tightwad or a mug?

Try it, I say. You'll find JATC spoils you for other restaurants. You will spend the rest of your eating life working out whether you're being stung. You get that way, if you're in the business.

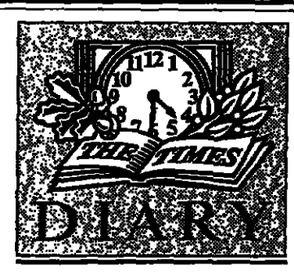
Heat in the kitchen

JOHN MAJOR may have ruled out ministerial changes before the next election, but a reshuffle of his kitchen cabinet may be on the way. *Judith Chaplin, his political* secretary, is expected to be moved out of 10 Downing Street before polling day.

Chaplin, a high-profile appointment at a time when Major was under fire for not having women in the cabinet, is spending far more time than was expected in Newbury, which she is contesting in the next general election. Far from being a walkover with its 16,600 majority, Newbury is proving resistant. Sir Michael McNair-Wilson, the long-serving Tory MP with a strong personal vote, is retiring as support for the party is on the decline. At council elections in May, 12 Tory councillors lost their seats, giving control to the Liberal Democrats.

Chaplin's position at the prime minister's right hand has not impressed the local electorate, which is used to having an MP in the constituency all year round. This means that Chaplin, a former adviser to Nigel Lawson, and tipped as the first woman Chancellor of the Exchequer, has been forced to spend more time away from her Downing Street desk than either she, Major or his other advisers would like. She is determined to hang on to the job, and has suggested that another person be appointed to work with her.

There is increased speculation about the role of David Cameron, head of the political section at Tory Central Office research department, who is credited with improving Major's performance at prime minister's question time. With Chaplin inevitably spending even more time in Newbury as the election draws closer, Cameron is being tipped as the man to watch.



● *The BBC is taking no chances with the Edinburgh Festival. The corporation, fearful that its round-the-clock coverage will have an adverse affect on the health of staff, has sent a memo to its Edinburgh studios reminding them that a masseuse is available today to ease aching bones. Volunteers should contact the head of administration, the aptly named Isobel Boddie.*

Leader of the pack?

MOST Western hostages imprisoned in the Middle East are the last to know when their incarceration will end. But Ian Richter, jailed by the Iraqis five years ago, seems to be the exception. In a letter to Roger Cooper, the journalist who was imprisoned in Iran for five years, Richter has spoken optimistically of his future.

Cooper says: "It is very cheerful, witty and obviously designed to get past the prison censor with the minimum of fuss." Richter, like John McCarthy, is aware of the campaigning that has been going on in Britain for his release, according to his letter. "He compares the way that his wife, Shirley, has campaigned tirelessly for him to the work my brother did on my behalf," Cooper says.

Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, raised the possibility of Richter's release on Sunday. But was Richter ahead of the pack? Cooper received the letter three weeks ago.

Lyrical delight

DAME IRIS MURDOCH is to receive a new honour: a collection of her poems, *A Year of Birds*, is to be set to music. Malcolm Williamson, master of the Queen's Musick, is composing a symphonic song-cycle based on the volume, which was illustrated with wood-engravings by the late *Reynolds Stone*, who created the device above the leading articles in *The Times*.

The composer, who lives at Rook's Nest House, Hertfordshire, once the home of E.M. Forster, says: "When I asked her if I could set her poems to music she replied: 'Yes. Yes, in italics'."

Murdoch says: "It's a lovely present that someone wants to



make music out of your poems." Her play, *The Servants and The Snow*, was turned into an opera for which she wrote the libretto. Will she attend the première, in Williamson's local Gordon Craig Theatre? "Heavens, yes."

Cashing in

WHILE Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, gloried in yesterday's announcement of an extra £3 million in government cash for young homeless people, were the environment and social security departments spitting blood?

Sir George Young, the junior environment minister, has scattered press releases lauding his department's commitment to the homeless. The DSS is also fond of trumpeting its role. With Young on holiday this week, Bottomley seized the initiative and the health department, nominally responsible for only the NHS, captured the headlines. "We are not treading on anyone's toes," said the department. "The initiative is part of our response to the Children's Act, which we introduced." For once, the DoE and DSS had nothing to say on the homeless.

● *Is President Gorbachev ready to make up with the aristocrats of the pre-revolutionary era? Another Gorbachev, it seems, has already started doing so on his behalf. Sergei Gorbachev, who will dance with the Moscow City Ballet in Britain later this month, will star with a certain Dmiri Romanov, namesake of the Tsars.*

Beyond hope

MICHAEL HESELTINE has drafted in the services of advertising agencies to help the government regain the Green initiative. With one eye on the "Save It" energy campaign, the DoE recently ran a competition for the best slogan to accompany a £10 million energy conservation campaign, which Heseltine will unveil at the Tory party conference.

He is delighted with Collett Dickenson Pearce & Partners' winning slogan: "HOPE" ("Help Our Planet Earth", which doubles as "Husband Our Precious Energy"). It will appear in radio and television commercials.

The DoE refuses to discuss the agency's fee for the report, which has just landed on Heseltine's desk. Not everyone is impressed by it. Some officials have dubbed it pretentious. Others want to know which other planet they are meant to be saving. Mars?

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TIMES PAST — THE TIMES

NEW RACKETS FOR OLD

Government policy is to foster "contracting out" of local authority goods and services so that councils become enablers rather than providers, in order to eliminate the economic inefficiencies of direct-labour schemes. The essential condition of this is proper regulation, so that the private sector is restrained from fixing prices and carving up contracts. Contractors must be forced to compete. Otherwise all that is achieved is the substitution of one racket for milking the local tax-payer by another.

The logic of the cartel is simple. Several contractors decide life would be easier for them if they secretly agree not to compete. Either they all charge the same, or they decide in advance which of them is to win a particular contract, and the others submit high bids. Members of the cartel have little to lose: if found out, they merely have to stop what they are doing, and at worst may have to pay compensation for the higher charges they have levied.

Just how prone local government work is to the disease of cartelisation has been demonstrated by the reports yesterday and today in *The Times* on cartels among local authority suppliers. The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) has found evidence of cartels not only among glass merchants but in road-surfacing materials, insulation work, ready-mixed concrete, fuel oil and roofing. At least direct-labour departments provide some oversight so that cartels can be spotted.

The OFT has had only modest success in detecting and breaking them, and earlier this year called conferences of local authorities to alert council officers to the evidence that cartels are operating. But the government appears reluctant to equip the OFT with the full range of powers the government itself deemed necessary in its white paper in 1989. Until those powers are in force, cartels will continue to bedevil local government contracting. Manchester council reckons that it paid £123,000 over the odds for glass because of a cartel; Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire county councils have yet to quantify what excess they paid for supplies of concrete but talk of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The present law requires anti-competitive agreements to be registered. If against the public interest, the agreement is outlawed. This cumbersome procedure puts the sanction behind the registration process rather than against the cartel directly. The white paper proposed that cartels should simply be unlawful, those who took part in them should be fined, and the absurd rigmarole of registering them in order to ban them abolished. The OFT would be given greater powers of enforcement, including the right to apply for a warrant to search premises.

The European Community already has similar powers to suppress and punish international cartels, but properly leaves those entirely within one country to the domestic authorities. Part of the argument for the white paper's proposals, advanced in 1989 by the then trade and industry secretary, Lord Young of Graffham, was that these new powers — modelled on the EC's anti-cartel rules — were necessary as a preparation for 1992.

The European single market is now only four months away, and still the present secretary, Peter Lilley, is saying no more now than Lord Young said then, that legislation will be introduced "when the parliamentary timetable permits". Yet the white paper promised rapid action: "The government intend to make the benefits of the changes available as early as possible..."

Cartels are profitable for those who take part in them. The disincentives at present are hardly formidable or easily enforced, and until they become so, cartels will continue. Mr Lilley must have his bill ready for the start of the next parliamentary session and government business managers must make room for it.

BUT WHO HELPS ITALY?

Illegal immigrants are humans, not animals. Italians themselves have been the first to be sickened by the Italian authorities' callous treatment of the latest wave of Albanian boat people. The 17,000 or more people, a handful of them armed but most merely desperate to the point of panic, who broke through Italy's naval blockade last week, certainly posed a logistical challenge. And Italy cannot be blamed for repatriating them (although some genuine political refugees have almost certainly been sent back).

Italy, however, has considerable domestic experience in coping with natural disasters. These people did not have to be penned up for days in broiling heat without shelter or sanitation and with precious little food. Nothing can excuse early breakdowns in medical care which forced doctors to treat victims where they lay on Bari's concrete quayside, or the deployment of untrained troops rather than police trained in crowd control. Much of last week's brutality had the appearance of a deliberate policy.

Nor was the latest exodus from Albania a surprise. Last June, following a three-week general strike, a coalition government was sworn in to replace the communists who had won elections as recently as March. For once, the epithet "government of national salvation" meant precisely that. It is now trying to create free markets against a background of collapsed industries, rural chaos and hunger everywhere. Saying that Albania was "one step from catastrophe", its deputy prime minister, a democrat, appealed for Western expertise as well as emergency aid. The EC promised a little and delivered less.

The Italian government correctly says that it is not responsible for Albania's collapse, that it has accepted 20,000 Albanian refugees this year and that Europe's "front line" states should not be left to carry the burden of mass immigration alone. This week, Italy is making a good faith attempt to repair the damage to its reputation as a civilised country. A mercy airlift has begun. Italy has promised to meet Albania's basic food needs for the next three months and to help rehabilitate its industry. All this will cost at least £70 million. The European Community, by contrast, has merely agreed to double its emergency aid, to £2.8 million so far this year. Britain, insulated by distance from Balkan storms, has provided no emergency aid at all. No wonder Italy's interior minister says that "European solidarity is just a lot of hot air".

People do not lightly uproot themselves from their countries. Western interests lie firmly in bolstering the faith of Eastern Europeans that their futures can be secure at home. To date, the statistics do not justify public fears of uncontrolled immigration to Western Europe. The numbers have been steady at around 1.2 million a year since 1973. The EC cannot be a fortress, and needs foreign manpower to compensate for its ageing demographic profile. But if economic reforms fail, far more might stream into Western Europe than it can absorb, creating an ugly backlash of intolerance.

Albania is the easiest Eastern European country to help because it is small and undeveloped. If the EC cannot meet this challenge, what hope is there for immigration policies generally? Such policies cannot be insulated from economics. Well-targeted aid to help these countries onto their feet is needed. So is an enlightened trade policy.

The Community should offer the East Europeans far more generous access to its markets than has so far been promised for the goods — agricultural produce first and foremost — in which they are most competitive. If that drives further nails into the coffin of the Common Agricultural Policy, this can only be a bonus. Better far than shipping them EC food surpluses at taxpayers' expense, and closing the frontiers to their disillusioned peoples.

BONNIE CARBUNCLE

The Prince of Wales has himself in another architectural stew, this time over the design for the new Museum of Scotland. He resigned as president of the museum's patrons just as the winning design, from the little-known firm of Benson and Forsyth, was announced. The prince made no comment on the proposal. His complaint appears to be that the judges made their choice of both shortlist and winner without any public consultation.

Selecting designs for public buildings is not for the faint-hearted. The saga of the extension to London's National Gallery, in which the public was consulted but had its preference turned down by the environment secretary, deterred the Scottish museum trustees. While the difficulty in London was not so much the quality of the favoured design as the defect of the brief — the Sainsbury family eventually paying and thus choosing both piper and tune — the process eventually used was, as in Scotland, one of shortlist and selection by closed panel.

This is clearly not the way to avoid controversy. The trustees might plead that they went to the widest possible canvass for entries, 371 from 21 countries. The problem for the prince appears to be that the public were not involved in the process until after the winner was announced. And the architects involved, led by Sir Philip Dowson, were not of what might be termed the "Prince's persuasion" in a stylistic conflict that is growing fiercer by the month.

The Benson and Forsyth design is unlikely to have been one that the public — or he himself — would have chosen. When the public is asked for a view on architectural style it tends towards the "post-modern" and the neo-classical: witness the popularity of the new proposals for Paternoster Square in the the City of London. The new museum design's austere Modern Movement revivalism, vaguely reminiscent of Le Corbusier's Ronchamp chapel, reflects a Scotland of bleak castles and towers rather than Edinburgh's gracious classicism.

The trustees must have known, when they selected for their advisory panel an essentially neo-Modernist group of architects, that they would not get a flurry of columns or a sloping roof. Such is the passion of the style war in architecture, like that between Goths and Classicists in the last century, that each side barely regards the other as proper architects. The problem for the neo-Modernist faction, as Prince Charles has frequently pointed out, is that it has yet to win public affection. Hence the apparent advice to the Scottish museum trustees not to go to public vote but to let the panel decide a winner before any "consultation".

The same faction, in a deft manoeuvre by Sir Richard Rogers, recently hoodwinked a naive Labour arts spokesman, Mark Fisher, into promising open architectural competitions for important public buildings. This extension of public design to a wider group of architects is admirable. But no mention was made of letting the public choose from shortlisted designs. Once the profession has set out its wares, there is no reason why the public should not express its own stylistic preference, as it would were it a private client. Prince Charles is right to stand out for *the public's right to an opinion.*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Arts lottery: who should benefit?

From the Director General of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts

Sir, The new Foundation for Sport and the Arts must be welcomed, as Walter Ellis rightly does in his comments on the appointment of Tim Rice as its chairman ("Low-brow superstar", August 6). New money for the arts, at any time, under any government, is a good thing.

However, if the foundation was launched by the pools promoters to forestall a national lottery which could have provided £200 million a year for the arts, then our welcome is somewhat muted. Twenty million pounds, rather than £200 million, adds up to a lost opportunity.

Lotteries should not be feared; the success of the UK Charity Lotteries' "Money Match" has benefited 13 arts groups already, with more to come. We must not carp, therefore, and if some see the new foundation as a new business sponsor, so be it. There are some questions to be asked, however.

The Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts (ABSA) works closely with many sponsors in developing their strategy for the arts. Like others, therefore, we are interested to know what will be the foundation's policy — how will they decide what to support, whose advice will they seek?

Distinguished boards of the "great and good" need a highly trained, professional secretariat to ensure that money is distributed wisely and fairly. Will there be such a secretariat? From whom and by whom will it be appointed? The arts and sports communities deserve and expect the best advice to be sought before decisions are made.

It will not be easy for the new foundation to put its money where it is most needed, assuming that is what it intends to do. We should not care whether Tim Rice personally prefers Tom Jones to Kiri Te Kanawa — his personal tastes should not have any bearing on where or to whom the foundation gives its money.

Professional assessment rather than personal whims and prejudices must be the order of the day. Twenty million pounds may not be much money in the totality of the needs of the arts, but used well it can be a life-saver.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN TWEEDY, Director General,
Association for Business
Sponsorship of the Arts,
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August 8.

Minister questioned on asylum rights

From Mrs Antonia Hunt

Sir, Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, defends the government's proposed restrictions on asylum-seekers on the grounds that the numbers claiming asylum are "soaring" (letter, August 9). The government, he suggests, will introduce measures so that fewer unfounded claimants "will be able to stay by exploiting delays in the system".

He offers no evidence that this is happening in the UK. Indeed, the evidence not mentioned by Mr Lloyd is that because of the present poor determination procedures, which lack necessary safeguards, some genuine asylum-seekers and refugees have been returned to persecution. Mr Lloyd says nothing at all about introducing safeguards against the possibility of this happening again.

Last week, in a television interview, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees expressed concern that Britain, despite its good record in the past, now intends to opt out of its obligations under the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees. Is that indeed the government's intention?

Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA HUNT, Coordinator,
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St Albans, Hertfordshire.

From Mr David Burgess

Sir, I was the solicitor acting on behalf of M, the applicant who recently brought committal proceedings in the case against the Home Office and its ministers to which Mr Lloyd refers in his letter of August 9. The case concerned the removal of an asylum-seeker by the Home Office, notwithstanding an earlier undertaking to the court by Treasury counsel not to do so.

Mr Lloyd is considerably adrift in his understanding of that judgment. Controversially, the judge held that there was no contempt jurisdiction over the Crown. However, he also held that, were it not for this, he would have found the Home Office in contempt; only with "considerable hesitation" did he accept that it would be wrong to find the Home Secretary in contempt for failing to observe a court order.

Mr Lloyd further claims that, because of delays in his department's processing of the applications, many asylum-seekers are allowed to stay because they have "put down roots" by the time they are discovered to be bogus. If individuals really had the economic motives ministers ascribe to them, delay before expulsion would benefit them. Neither in logic nor in law would it form a basis for permission to remain.

Your leader of August 2 caught the corrupt nature of the government's proposals precisely. They are intended to handicap asylum-seekers and to disqualify their legal advisors. Anyone buying Mr Lloyd's selective version must be considerably dimmer than your readership.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BURGESS,
Winstanley-Burgess (solicitors),
378 City Road, EC1.

From Ms Kate Allen and Mr Ali Sabet

Sir, Mr Lloyd claims that the vast majority of asylum seekers are not "genuine refugees". Organisations working on a daily basis with those seeking asylum believe him wrong.

He says that the levels of misuse of the procedures pose a "huge challenge". Yet when challenged to provide evidence of this widespread abuse, the Home Office is strangely silent. It seems that the politicians have decided to cut down on numbers, regardless of any lack of justice or denial of human rights.

The Asylum Rights Campaign, a consortium of more than 80 organisations, is aware of at least 30 cases of torture, persecuted people who would not have gained asylum in Britain if the current Home Office proposals had been in operation.

The government's plans are extremely worrying. But there is still time for a change of heart. We hope that Mr Lloyd and Mr Baker will abandon the proposed measures which will prevent desperate people fleeing to safety in this country.

Yours etc.,
KATE ALLEN,
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c/o 3 Bondway, SW8.

Blakelock case

From Mr Hugo F. Reading

Sir, In view of the renewed interest in the PC Blakelock case (Bernard Levin, "Winston Silcott is no saint", August 8) it may be pertinent to ask why it is that only three people were charged.

As PC Blakelock's jacket has 11 tears, each produced by different weapons, it follows that there were probably at least 11 perpetrators. These perpetrators were principal offenders, either joint principal offenders if acting with a common purpose or joint principals to an attempt in the absence of a common purpose.

Secondary parties and principal offenders are equally guilty. Secondary parties include aiders, abettors, counsellors and procurers (*vide* Accessories and Abettors Act 1861, as amended).

Videos of the Broadwater Farm incident show numerous people who appear to have been abetting, that is, instigating, inciting, countenancing or exhorting the principal offenders. Thus, it is probable that many people guilty of the murder have so far escaped prosecution.

Yours faithfully,
HUGO F. READING,
77 Manor Park Road, NW10.

From Mr Edgar W. Goodall

Sir, Bernard Levin is right to protest about the attitude of mind which defends blacks against injustice and police malpractice by asserting that "if they're black they couldn't have done it".

It is a sad fact however that there would seem to be a sizeable minority in our police forces and in the general public taking the opposite view of "if they are black they must have done it".

Yours sincerely,
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Wallington, Surrey.

Too fast a track?

From the Director of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

Sir, This foundation has examined nearly 4,000 patients since early 1986. Unable to find any other way of escaping from persecution, a very *large number of these victims of* torture have had to flee to the United Kingdom without the correct travel documents.

Many have been unable to describe to officials on arrival the terror and degradation to which they had been subjected; they could only bring themselves to speak of it later in the atmosphere of sympathy and trust provided by this foundation or by one of their own independent legal representatives.

A considerable number had received notice that the Home Office provisionally or actually refused their asylum application, as it did not believe them to be genuine refugees. Almost without exception they were later permitted to remain, when the Home Office had seen the evidence of their ill-treatment.

We are extremely worried lest, under the proposed "fast track" procedure, the asylum applications of some torture victims, unable to *explain themselves initially*, may be deemed to be manifestly unfounded.

We fear that they may then be denied access to just procedures, to independent legal representation and to an oral hearing before an appeal tribunal, but instead may face removal by the Home Office on the basis of an immigration officer's report. Are these not the very people we most want to protect?

Yours faithfully,
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Hollywood succeeds

From Mr Alexander Dale

Sir, When David Robinson compares the products of Hollywood to American junk food ("Must all roads lead to California?", Arts, August 13), he ought also to point out that American films have won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival for the last three years in succession.

It seems that American cinema is not only more commercially successful than our own, but that it is also more innovative, creative and exciting. Unless, of course, the juries at Cannes are also the victims of junk-food marketing.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER DALE,
45 Portland Road, W11.

Single-sex clubs

From the Chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission

Sir, The Equal Opportunities Commission has never proposed that the law should be amended to ban single-sex clubs, as stated in your leader of August 13. Since 1981 we have, however, been advocating a change in the law to ban sex-discriminatory rules and practices in *mixed* clubs — a very different matter.

The Sex Discrimination Act, unlike the Race Relations Act, does not rule out separate but equal treatment. However, where clubs decide (for whatever reason) to open their doors to women, they should do so fairly. If there are to be different levels of membership, all should be free to choose to pay more and get more or pay less and settle for the consequences.

For a long time we agreed with you that the way to any reform in private clubs was through persuasion and the changing of hearts. Experience has taught us, however, that even to reform the ways of mixed clubs, we need the assistance of the law. Many clubs are still bastions of prejudice, as much of the press and public reaction to the Labour party discussion paper makes abundantly clear.

Yours sincerely,
JOANNA FOSTER, Chairman,
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August 13.

Degree demand

From Mr Bruce Hepburn

Sir, Is it possible that the mushrooming of demand for full-time courses at colleges of higher and further education (Education, August 12) is due to full-time students being required to pay only 20 per cent of the community charge?

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE HEPBURN,
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August 12.

Sensible hill walking

From Mrs Barbara Davis

Sir, Some years ago my son, then in his late teens, was walking alone in the high Lakeland fells. He was stopped by a national park warden to see that he was properly equipped.

Sturdy boots; a sensible but in no way a special anorak; in his rucksack a spare jersey, a crepe bandage, some sticking plasters, sandwiches, a compass, an OS map and a whistle.

He was asked if someone in Borrowdale, where he was staying, knew of his planned route. Everything was in order, except that he failed to have any spare sandwiches.

It really is not necessary to spend about £1,000 on expensive clothing and accoutrement (report and leading article, August 8) in order to enjoy a day's walking in safety in the *mountains.*

Sound basic equipment, the ability to use a map and compass, a respect for the terrain and common sense should suffice.

Yours truly,

BARBARA DAVIS,
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Norfolk.
August 10.

Rank ignorance

From his Honour Peter Mason, QC

Sir, Rear-Admiral Gueritz (August 7) was unlucky in his salutations. Criminal judges are luckier, possibly because defendants and witnesses have a vested interest in being polite.

When I was a judge at the Old Bailey I was called "Your Excellency", "Your Holiness" and even "Your Majesty". I thought that the defendant was pushing it a bit far, however, when he addressed me as "O Lord Most High".

Yours faithfully,
PETER MASON,
11 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

From Air Vice-Marshal H. A. Caillard

Sir, I hope you will permit an Air Force voice to add to your correspondence on ranking service brass. How about Dear Sir Vice Hugh (from a well-known car dealership), Dear Vice Air Admiral and Dear Vice Dear (from junk mailshots), or plain Dear Marshall (from a national charity)?

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY CAILLARD,
114 Ashley Road,
Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

From the Provost of Leicester

Sir, I have received letters addressed to "the Protest of Leicester" and (my favourite) "the Providence of Leicester".

Yours sincerely,
ALAN WARREN,
Provost's House,
St Martin's East, Leicester.

From Mr R. W. Mellor, CBE

Sir, I have just received a letter starting "Dear Mr CBE".

Keeping accurate computer data bases capable of correct form is an arcane matter. At this institution we strive to meet good practice, the wishes of members, and the need for personal security for those in the armed forces.

The challenge presented to our programme by Eur Ing General Sir Thomas Atkins KBE FEng FIMechE is mastered only by real care and competence. The machine can do what we need, it's all a matter of effort.

Yours etc.,
R. W. MELLOR (Secretary),
Institution of Mechanical
Engineers,
1 Birdcage Walk, SW1.

Diet and hyperactivity

From Dr Alan M. Edwards

Sir, An article by Liz Hodgkinson (Health, August 8) implies that all "junk" foods are bad and can cause hyperactivity and other behavioural problems in children.

Whilst the available evidence supports a connection between diet and hyperactivity, the relationship is very specific to each individual. The fault lies in the individual's ability to deal with the particular food rather than the food itself.

Each patient requires careful investigation to identify the food or foods which adversely affect them. These can then be removed or reduced in the diet. A blanket approach of removing all "junk" foods is not only bad treatment but potentially dangerous, as with an overzealous parent the child can often end up on an inadequate diet.

The investigation of such patients requires time, patience and perception — attributes that are often unavailable in our modern approach to health care.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN M. EDWARDS,
Stable Cottage, Pickwell,
Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.
August 9.

Disaster enquiries

From Mr Peter Martin

Sir, The issue of multiple enquiry into fatal accidents such as that of the Marchioness (Mr Napier's letter, August 8) has been gone over, time and time again, during the past many years. As long ago as 1961 the Committee on Civil Aircraft Accident Investigation and Licence Control (the Cairns committee) recommended to the then ministry of aviation possible changes in aircraft accident-investigation procedure.

In the course of that report (which was then and remains still a model of both clarity and humanity) the Cairns committee recognised the difficulties of timing which might arise out of the connected need for criminal investigation and possibly criminal prosecution, the coroner's inquest, technical investigation and civil proceedings for damages.

On the subject of the question of precedence as to holding of a public enquiry and a prosecution, the view was taken that it is virtually impossible to institute criminal proceedings after the conclusion and report of a public enquiry because the adverse findings of the public enquiry may seriously prejudice the possibility of a fair trial later.

Further, it was thought that evidence available to sustain a prosecution is likely to become stale in awaiting the conclusion of the public enquiry.

The Cairns committee took the view that it was important that the cause of an accident be determined without delay and they considered that normally a public enquiry should take place before the institution of criminal proceedings.

However, in cases where delay might be damaging they recommended that one authority, probably the law officers, should decide on the question of precedence. From 1961 to this day, this question has not been resolved in this country but has been muddled through, at least in aviation cases of which I have some experience, time and time again.

Recently, a comprehensive study of European methods of aircraft accident investigation demonstrated that the problem of double/triple/quadruple enquiry existed as much in Europe as it does here and is no less easily resolved. Some, mild, recommendations have been made to the European Commission for further investigation of this question, with a view perhaps to finding a European solution; but, so far, nothing much has emerged.

Mr Napier's complaints, which in part only I echo, are as relevant to aviation as they are to shipping and other disasters. There is no doubt that there is room for substantial revision of existing procedures.

Yours truly,
PETER MARTIN,
Frere Cholmeley (solicitors),
28 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.
August 8.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E.G. Allen and Miss K.A. Rae
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the late Mr Duncan Allen and of Mrs Duncan Allen, of Onslow Square, London, SW7, and Kristin, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Rae, of New Canaan, Connecticut.

Mr R.D. Biddle and Miss C.M-C. Bates
The engagement is announced between Richard Dale, son of Mr Richard Biddle, of New York, USA, and Mrs Samuel Carpenter, of Fulham, and Caroline Marie-Céline, daughter of Mrs Marianne Bates and the late Mr Michael Bates, of Old Bosham, West Sussex.

Dr T.J. Blaxter and Miss E.A. Wood
The engagement was arranged at 56° 40'N, 05° 56'W between Dr Tim Blaxter, son of Professor and Mrs J.H.S. Blaxter, of Barcaldine, Argyll, and Elaine Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.J. Wood, of Broadstairs, Kent.

Mr T.W.F. Chrisp and Miss J.R. Shirley-Beavan
The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr Jock Chrisp, of Longhoughton, Northumberland, and Mrs Susan Hughes, of Larnaca, Cyprus, and Jane (Boo), elder daughter of Mr Michael Shirley-Beavan, of Shalbourne, Wiltshire, and Mrs Mary Shirley-Beavan, of Dulverton, Somerset.

Mr P.D. Goddard and Miss J.L. Thorpe
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel C.E. Goddard and of Mrs Kathleen Goddard, of Bath, Avon, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs John Thorpe, of Axminster, Devon.

Mr R.I.A. Gower and Miss G.C. Fursman
The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Captain J.R. Gower, DSC, RN, and Mrs Gower, of Trabboch House, Mauchline, and Gail, elder daughter of Wing-Commander R.J. Fursman, DFC, and Mrs Fursman, of Allt Na Cardoch, Aviemore.

Mr A.P. Halstead and Miss S.J. Beattie
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Halstead, of Edwalton, Nottinghamshire, and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr George and the Hon Mrs Beattie, of Churt, Surrey.

Mr E.J. Holmes and Miss V.M. Tidmarsh
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Holmes, of 11 Whitehall Close, Teremere, Dublin, and Vanessa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Tidmarsh, of the White House, Dunley, Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire.

Mr E.R. Lines and Miss R.A. Newrick
The engagement is announced between Edward, second son of Mr and Mrs H.R. Lines, of Ash, Kent, and Rebecca, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.R.G. Newrick, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Mr J.P. MacDonough and Miss E.L.G. Stock
The engagement is announced between John Patrick, only son of Mr and Mrs D.A.H. MacDonough, of Hampton, Surrey, and Emma Louise Gwendoline, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs D.G. Stock, of Chislehurst, Kent.

Mr M. Sanderson and Miss S. Holbrook
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs Sandy Sanderson, of The Cedars, Charlton Park Gate, Cheltenham, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Holbrook, of Beaumont House Hotel, Shurdington Road, Cheltenham.

Mr A.D. Waddington and Miss S.E. Baron
The engagement is announced between Alastair, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Waddington, of Hadlow Down, East Sussex, and Suzanne, eldest daughter of Mr Pat Baron, of East Dereham, Norfolk, and the late Mrs Beryl Baron.

Birthdays today

Miss Sarah Brightman, singer, 30; Mrs Jennifer d'Abo, former chairman, Ryman, 46; Mr Fred Davis, snooker player, 78; Mr Buddy Greco, singer, 65; Mr D.H.L. Hopkinson, chairman, Harrisons and Crosfield, 65; Dom Philip Jebb, former head master, Downside School, 59; Professor Sir Andrew Kay, surgeon, 75; Mr Justice McKinnon, 53; Sir Robin McLaren, diplomat, 57; Lord Mishcon, 76.

Dr Oliver Neville, principal RADA, 62; Mr Frederic Raphael, author, 60; Sir Ronald Stewart, former chairman of London Brick Company, 88; Jean Lady Swaythling, former chief controller and director, ATS, 83; the Right Rev Hewlett Thompson, Bishop of Exeter, 62; Sir Charles Villiers, former chairman, British Steel (Industry), 79; Lord Whaddon, 64; Mr Sydney Wooderson, athlete, 77.

Memorial service

Mr Ronald Lacey
A memorial service for Mr Ronald Lacey was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated and Miss Jacqueline Pearce read the lesson.

Miss Barbara Shelley read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Miss Kate Harper read *Fern Hill* by Dylan Thomas. Miss Rebecca Lacey, daughter, gave an address and Mr Ian Bartholomew sang *Sometimes When We Touch*.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Paolo Sarpi, philosopher, Venice, 1552; Charles Hutton, physicist, Newcastle, 1737; Richard Von Krafft-Ebing, neuro-psychiatrist, Mannheim, Germany, 1840; *John Galsworthy*, novelist and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1932, Kingston Hill, Surrey, 1867.

DEATHS: Augustus Toplady, clergyman and hymn writer, London, 1778; John Fletcher, clergyman, Madeley, Shropshire, 1785; William Buckland, geologist, London, 1856; Richard Jefferies, writer, Goring, Sussex, 1887; Alfred Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Northcliffe, proprietor of *The Times* 1908-22, London, 1922; Sir Landon Ronald, composer and conductor, London, 1938; William Randolph Hearst, newspaper proprietor, Beverly Hills, California, 1951; Bertolt Brecht, dramatist, Berlin, 1956; Jules Romains, novelist, Paris, 1972; Karl Bohm, conductor, 1981; J. B. Priestley, novelist and dramatist, Stratford-upon-Avon, 1984; Enzo Ferrari, racing car manufacturer, 1988.

The Battle of Britain was at its height, 1940.

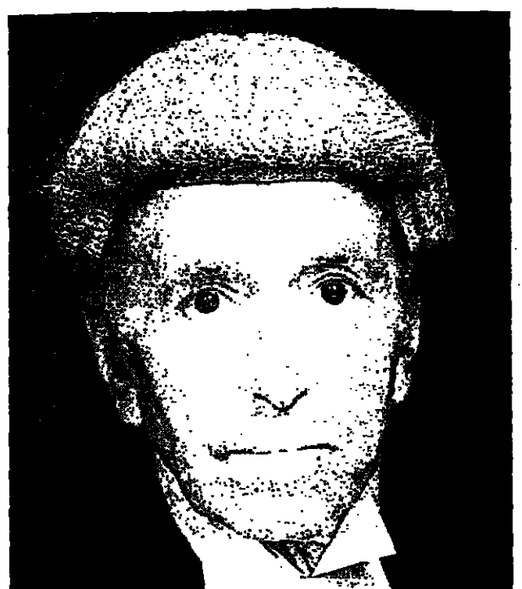
Mr Vernon Dobtcheff

Mr Vernon Dobtcheff very much regrets that he was unavoidably prevented by a professional commitment abroad from attending the memorial service for Mr Ronald Lacey on Tuesday.

OBITUARIES

MR JUSTICE LINCOLN

Sir Anthony Lincoln, High Court judge, died on August 12 aged 71. He was born on April 7, 1920.



TONY Lincoln was an unusual barrister and judge, cast in an old-fashioned mould of a cultured bachelor, conversationalist, socialite and countryman; but with the modern interests of a journalist and something of a social and legal reformer. The law was his workplace, but not the centre of his life. He was also a writer and broadcaster.

His father was "Red" Lincoln, a fiery practitioner of the old school in County Courts and at the Criminal Bar. An only child, Tony Lincoln was educated at Highgate and then went up to The Queen's College, Oxford, with a scholarship. From 1941 to 1945 he served in the Somerset Light Infantry and Royal Artillery. He claimed that he had invaded France by being carried ashore on a stretcher shortly after D-Day, suffering from a bad oyster. After his return to Oxford he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn in 1949. He became one of the numerous pupils of Quintin Hogg, as he then was, later to become Lord Chancellor twice, with whom he retained a close association throughout his life.

Lincoln took silk in 1968. He had a wide and varied international practice, including appearances in Hong Kong, which was then beginning to become a regular venue for successful English silks, and in international arbitrations both as counsel and arbitrator. In 1976 he became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn, and in 1979 his former pupil master, by then Lord Hailsham, invited him to become a High Court judge in the recently created Family Division.

He accepted, with some regrets for his international commercial practice. But this was a time when family law was already no longer as much concerned with matrimonial conduct as with disputes about money; and not yet with the abuse of children. Although he always retained some longing for the Commercial Court, he was happy, greatly liked, and wholly successful in his work. It falls to all judges to try hundreds of cases in which the evidence transcends their own personal experience, and in his case this must have been so to an exceptional degree. But he was courteous, practical, eminently sensible in his decisions, free from all pomposity, and with a great understanding of "ordinary" people and their problems. He was never remote from ordinary life. He had been vice-principal of the Working Men's College from 1955 to 1960; from 1969 to 1979 he had been chairman of the college corporation; and since 1963 he had also been chairman and a trustee of the Harrison Homes for the Elderly, until he became their patron in 1980. Few of his colleagues at the Bar and then the Bench knew about these interests in his life, although they took up much of his time.

There was never a gulf between him and the litigants in his court, however unfortunate their circumstances. At the same time his commercial experience of the law was reflected in his appointment in 1980 to the Restrictive Practices Court, of which he was president from 1982 until his death. From 1981 he was also president of the British branch of the International Law Association and a frequent participant in its conferences both here and abroad.

Another side of his life was concerned with law reform and legal journalism. He served on the senate of the Inns of Court and Bar for four years from 1976, and from 1979 to 1981 he was chairman of its law reform committee. In 1978 he had also been chairman of the "Justice" committee on freedom of information, which produced a notable report. He wrote a book called *Wicked, Wicked Libels*, and edited Lord Eldon's *Anecdote Book*. For many years he wrote a legal column in *The Spectator* under the pseudonym "R. A. Cline" together with Robin McEwen. He was libel reader, then a regular contributor and ultimately a trustee of the *Observer* in its former ownership, and until the Bench imposed its silence — or anonymity — on his talents he was also a frequent broadcaster on legal topics.

But this was still not the mainstream of his life. He read passionately (except newspapers in recent years), played the piano and loved music. He was a fluent skier, a countryman in his beloved Wiltshire cottage where he was a partner in a large farming venture, an expert shot and fly fisherman, and a constant weekend visitor in country houses south and north of the border, as well as abroad. His circle of friends appeared to be unlimited; he seemed to know everyone. And when he was not out on circuit entertaining high sheriffs and lord lieutenants, or at home in Wiltshire, he travelled the world.

As a gifted bachelor he was in great demand, although he always regretted his unmarried status. Every Christmas, for many years, he would announce to his friends that he would certainly marry during the coming year, and that he already had "several candidates" in mind. But the influence of his independent bachelor way of life had become too strong, and in the end both sides always held back. That was his one great sadness; ultimately he had to settle for some 20 godchildren produced by his friends.

ANTHONY BLISS

Anthony Addison Bliss, former executive director of the Metropolitan Opera, New York, died on August 10 in Canada aged 78. He was born on April 19, 1913.



ONCE described as "the epitome of cool-eyed patrician self-control", Anthony Bliss was an odd ingredient in the temperamental stewpot of grand opera. Tall, unsmiling, and reticent as a corporate balance sheet, he engendered respect but discouraged affection. Backstage, he was regarded as a symbol of class distinction, but his aloofness was backed by genuine ability. Without Bliss's financial acumen and tough negotiating techniques, it is doubtful that the Metropolitan would have survived.

And though he concealed it well, he was not without a sense of humour. When his third wife, Sally, said of his gourmet tastes: "I could feed him Alpo," Bliss responded by keeping a can of the well-known dog food on his desk from that day on.

Bliss was not only born into the American upper-crust, a graduate of Groton School, Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School, but he practically inherited the Metropolitan Opera. His grandfather, who was Secretary of the Treasury under President William McKinley, joined the Metropolitan board of directors in 1893. His father, an associate of J. P. Morgan, followed suit in 1913 and subsequently became president and chairman of the opera company from 1932 until his death in 1949.

Bliss, who had served in the US Navy during the second world war, rising to the rank of lieutenant-commander, was elected to the Metropolitan board on the death of his father and became its president in 1956. He later took on the post of general manager, but a running feud with Sir Rudolf Bing led to his resignation in 1967. Bing, the Met's impresario, nourished dark suspicions that Bliss was after his job. By the end of their association, it was reported, the two men could scarcely agree on whether it was raining outside.

By that time the Met was already in financial difficulties. A move to the Lincoln Center had left the company with a deficit of $5.4 million, and the problem got steadily worse. By the time he was recalled as executive director in November 1974 the deficit was $9 million and growing.

Bliss acted swiftly. His appointment had already undercut the position of Schulyer D. Chapin, the general manager, and he was clearly determined to take control. Chapin was quoted as saying that Bliss's function was merely "to find ways to pay the bills". Bliss did not see it that way, and over the next seven months the feud with Bing was replayed. This time, Bliss won. Chapin was fired.

Operating on two fronts, Bliss proceeded to cut all salaries, including his own, by 10 per cent, and to fight a hard-nosed battle with the Metropolitan's labour unions. At the same time he launched an unprecedented fund-raising drive and increased ticket prices by more than 20 per cent. In 1976 he was able to announce "a dramatic turnround" in the Metropolitan's fortunes, which he reinforced with a $100 million endowment drive in the early 1980's.

Bliss took the Met into television and the world of video-discs, doing much to increase the popularity of opera. He also established the Met's media and marketing departments, upgraded the technical staff and stage equipment, and modernised the fund-raising machine.

Though there were complaints that the profit motive was tending to engulf the artistry of the Met, leading to the soubriquet "the General Motors of opera," there was general agreement on his retirement in 1985 that standards of performance had actually improved. For himself, he denied any artistic acumen. "I never institute artistic decisions," he once said, "but I know what I can afford."

PROF H. J. POLOTSKY

Professor Hans Jacob Polotsky, emeritus professor of Egyptology and Semitic linguistics at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, died on August 10 aged 85. He was born in Zurich on September 13, 1905.

H. J. POLOTSKY revolutionised the study of ancient Egyptian and Coptic grammar and contributed to an understanding of the basic phonetic structures of some modern south Ethiopian languages previously little known. He also produced fresh concepts in the knowledge of various modern Aramaic and Syriac dialects. He exploited to the full the rich resources in modern Semitic languages available in the Jerusalem area where he spent an academic career lasting fully 60 years. Although he hated counting the number of languages he knew, he covered with ease many scores of tongues of different linguistic affiliations.

Virtually his entire career was spent in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem which he joined in 1934 and whose senior professor he was at the time of his death. He belonged to a band of savants who graced the early years of the university.

Polotsky was born in Zürich of Russian parents. He studied at the universities of Berlin and Göttingen. His attainments in Egyptology and Semitic languages found recognition at an early age. Whether the bilingual background of Russian and German had an influence on his gifts is a question which has often been pondered by linguists, without reaching any clear conclusions. Polotsky was soon attracted to the pursuit of grammar, and the single-minded quest for elucidation of syntactical interconnections and interlockings occupied him to the end.

Few could rival his command of language and of languages in the widest sense. Not only did he know how language works, how linguistic structures, sentences, are held together, but he had looked hard and deep into so many disparate language manifestations that the secrets of syntactical sinews and tendons, and their complex inter-relationships, appeared to have been revealed to him.

While he was fully conversant with contemporary linguistic theories (and had indeed himself operated with some of those techniques which promised to produce tangible results), he showed little taste for theoretical frameworks or methodological processes *per se*. He was suspicious of those innovators who neglected to read what some nineteenth century scholars had already anticipated; nor did he care for those who were clever at devising systems rather than handling the raw material of language itself. He would never cite a language for comparative purposes unless he had made a thorough study of it himself. Window-dressing by quoting from Japanese or Navaho or Tamil was anathema to him, although he possessed a pretty good knowledge of those languages as well.

His learning and its written expression were so well matched that he hardly ever had to unsay a single word he had committed to print. How many other scholars could afford to give permission for the reprinting, without correction or qualifying remarks, of a collection of studies which they had composed in their twenties — as Polotsky was able to do?

His personality and style were essentially low-key, and his penchant for self-effacement was evident also in his speech which was halting and hesitating rather than fluent, in marked contrast to the stylistic felicities and the elegance of his performance on paper and in print. Few could equal him in the sheer range of languages covered and in the depth of his penetration into the functioning of the language organism. His talents were, however, not those of the Levantine but eminently those of the greatest masters of nineteenth century European philological scholarship. His command of most European languages was formidable and so, obviously, was that of the languages that came within his professional orbit. There were well documented instances of his contributions to Greek papyrology or to arcane layers of Turkish and Arabic where those specialising in these fields had failed to come up with the solution and recourse had to be had to the "non-specialist" Polotsky. Honorary doctorates and memberships of some of the most prestigious academies all over the world were showered on him. He was a founder member of the Israel Academy and a corresponding fellow of the British Academy as well as of the London School of Oriental and African Studies and of the Royal Asiatic Society.

He could be harsh in his judgments and was exacting in the standards applied to himself and to his pupils. Few succeeded in penetrating his reserve, but those who did found a rich field of wit, steadfastness as a colleague and friend, and human and intellectual resources of a rare quality.

He is survived by his wife Julie and son.

JASMINE BLIGH

R. M. J. Gillott writes:

IN YOUR obituary of Jasmine Bligh (July 23) you write: "The corporation had used only men announcers in radio so this was a new departure...", the date referred to being November 1936 when a regular television service was opened. This is not so. In, I think, 1934, the BBC appointed Sheila Borrett as a radio announcer. At that time, 1934, the team of London radio announcers (there was no regular television, only an experimental service broadcast from a small studio in the bowels of Broadcasting House) consisted of Stuart Hibberd (Senior Announcer), Freddie Grisewood, Sheila Borrett and, for a short time, myself. Although uncertain about the exact date, it was well before 1936 that I can remember an evening in the announcers' room when Sheila Borrett felt unwell and Freddie Grisewood and I ministered to her. In those days the BBC supplied a plate of sandwiches, a flask of coffee and a tin of blackcurrant throat pastilles for the announcers on duty after 6pm. Sheila Borrett's debut as a radio announcer predated Jasmine Bligh's in television by about two years.

Archaeology

Caution urged on Rectory Farm site

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLISH Heritage archaeologists have moved to counter what they see as exaggerated media coverage of a recently excavated Neolithic site near Huntingdon. Descriptions of the Rectory Farm dig at Godmanchester as "ancient Europe's most sophisticated astronomical computer" and a "temple of the Sun" are dismissed as speculation in the latest *English Heritage Conservation Bulletin*.

Even the term "ceremonial centre", a non-committal phrase much favoured by archaeologists to denote sites that are clearly neither domestic nor defensive, is used in quotation marks by Fachtna McAvoy, presenting "a more cautious account of this work" in the bulletin.

The principal features of the site, which has been radiocarbon dated to around 3000-2600 BC, are a large enclosure and a long feature traditionally called a "cursus". The enclosure was 350 by 230 metres, covering some seven hectares (18 acres) on the gravels of the Ouse valley. It was marked by 24 large posts spaced between 31 and 46 metres apart, enclosed by a bank and ditch. Animal remains were found in association with the ditch and postholes, a not uncommon feature of Neolithic enclosures.

The cursus, with parallel ditches 90 metres apart, ran southwest from the enclosure but was later in date. It has been traced on aerial photographs for half a kilometre, but is then lost beneath the modern town of Godmanchester. There is also evidence for Bronze Age and Roman structures which, like the cursus, are best interpreted as being religious or ceremonial in function.

The enclosure itself is not defensive, and seems too elaborate for it to have been just a corral for stock, although a large gathering of people with their animals and crops could have been held inside it. The formal plan, unparalleled elsewhere, the ritual deposits of animal remains, and the provision of sufficient space for a sizeable assembly of people indicate that the enclosure "may have been used as a ceremonial centre", McAvoy concludes. "Careful study may show some form of transition from Neolithic ceremony to Roman religion in a single location".

Although continuity in a sacred landscape is quite common from Iron Age into Roman times, and even from the Bronze Age, a span of three millennia during which the same locus remained marked as ritually important is unusual, and potentially more significant than some of the wilder claims that have been made about the site.

Horticulture

Ornamental grasses thrive among summer flowers

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FUCHSIAS, roses and gladioli are creating the colour at the Royal Horticultural Society's summer flower show, which opened yesterday, while plant collections from specialist nurseries are providing more subtle interest.

The collection of ornamental grasses and grass-like plants from Hoecroft Plants, of Midsomer Norton, Avon, invariably offers something new. This time it is the smallest miscanthus (normally towering grasses) called *Miscanthus tinctoria* 'Nana Variegata', with yellow and green striped foliage. Also distinctive is *Agrostis canina* 'Silver Needles', with needle-like green and white striped leaves and suitable for patio tubs. Looking exotic, like a deep green bromeliad, is a wide-leaved woodrush, *Luzula sylvatica* 'Tauern Pass'.

Another regular exhibitor is hosta specialist Goldbrook Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk. This exhibit features hostas with scented flowers (they are normally thought of as foliage perennials): 'So Sweet', 'Summer Fragrance', 'Invincible' (whose leaves are slug resistant) and 'Iron Gate Glamour', all bred from *H. plantaginea* with large white fragrant flowers.

Among the exotic collections are foliage begonias from Dibley's Efenechtyd Nurseries, of Ruthin, North Wales. Known for their modern streptocarpus hybrids (which they are also exhibiting), this nursery is now building up a collection of begonias with attractive leaves but which are easy to grow as houseplants. Many have been obtained from the United States and Canada and not been seen in Britain before, such as the *rex* types 'Wanda' with silver leaves densely covered in red hairs, 'Venetian Red' with very dark red foliage, and the black-crimson 'Red Berry'. A limited range of foliage begonias will be offered for sale next year.

Conservatory-plant specialist Noel Kingsbury, of Frampton Cotterell, Avon, is featuring a collection of oleanders (*Nerium oleander*) including 'Tito Poggi' (salmon flowers), 'Roscario' (bright pink) and 'Marie Gambetta' (cream).

The exotic theme is continued with the Saintpaulia and Houseplant Society's competition, which features an especially wide variety of houseplants. The best in the show is an urn plant, *Aechmea fasciata*, with a pink flower head, which gained a trophy for Mrs O. Rogers, of Isleworth, Middlesex. The best saintpaulia (African violet) is 'Roseberry' with pink-edged leaves and frilly pink flowers, which has ensured a trophy for Mrs F. M. Vivian, of Mill Hill, London.

The RHS gladiolus competition is well supported. Mr S. Moorhouse, of Wanstead, east London, has won the Foremark challenge cup and silver Simmonds medal for 12 cultivars. Especially impressive are the large-flowered cultivars 'Mont Blanc' (pure white), 'Bit of Heaven' (white, with a hint of pink) and 'Lowland Queen' (blush pink with red throat). He has also won a Simmonds medal for the best large-flowered spike, with salmon and cream 'Finesse'.

In the RHS competition for ornamental plants an excellent variegated elder, *Sambucus nigra* 'Pulverulenta', gained a first prize for Mrs J. Wright, of Cowden, Kent, and has also received an award of merit. The leaves of this hardy foliage shrub are heavily speckled with white.

The show, in the New Horticultural Hall, Greycoat Street, Westminster, is open today from 10 am to 5 pm.

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AUGUST 14 — ON THIS DAY — 1936

Though the need for a new road crossing of the Thames was realised before the second world war it was not until 1963 that the Dartford Tunnel was opened.

NEW THAMES TUNNEL

The Minister of Transport, in conjunction with the joint committee representing the county councils of Essex and Kent, has made arrangements for work to begin in the next few weeks on the construction of the Dartford-Purfleet Tunnel, which will provide a link between the north and south sides of the Thames estuary.

As a first step it is proposed to construct a pilot tunnel and the shield chambers and certain other ancillary works in connection with the main tunnel, and for this work the tender of Charles Brand and Sons, Limited, which was the lowest of 10 tenders received, has been accepted.

The pilot tunnel will be constructed to an internal diameter of 12ft. and will be approximately 900 yards in length. Two ventilation shafts with an internal diameter of 18ft. will be constructed on the Kent and Essex banks of the river, and at the foot of each shaft a shield chamber, 35ft. in internal diameter, will be provided as starting points for the main tunnel when this is constructed at a later date. The shafts will be approximately 100ft. in depth, and the depth of the pilot tunnel below the existing bed of the river will be about 20ft. to 25ft.

The temporary access road on the Kent side will be about a mile and a half in length, and that on the Essex side more than three-quarters of a mile, including two temporary bridges to be constructed over railways. The temporary access roads will be incorporated in the permanent approaches, so far as this is practicable. The pilot tunnel and ancillary work will cost approximately £300,000 and will provide information as to the strata under the river at this point and on other matters which will be helpful in connection with the construction of the main tunnel. The construction of the shield chambers for the main tunnel at this stage will result in saving of time and money when the work on that tunnel is commenced.

The cost of the whole scheme is estimated at about £3,200,000 and it has been agreed on behalf of the County Councils of Essex and Kent that the Ministry of Transport should be directly responsible for carrying out the work. The tunnel will be rather more than a mile in length. On the north side of the Thames the approach will connect with the Purfleet-Grays road, and an extension is proposed to link up with the London-Southend road. On the south side the approach to the tunnel will connect with the Dartford Southern by-pass and a connection is to be made with the London-Folkestone and the London-Hastings roads.

At present there is no facility for crossing the Thames by bridge or tunnel below Blackwall Tunnel, which is 35 miles from the mouth of the Thames Estuary. The distance between that tunnel and the site of the proposed Dartford Tunnel is about 12 miles.

For now my witness is in heaven; there is One on high ready to answer for me. Job 16:19 REB

BIRTHS

ANTHONY - On August 10th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Alexandra and Charles, a son, William Edwyn Archibald.

BARCLAY - On August 9th, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Rhonda (née Shaw) and Zeb, a son, Conor Ronald, a brother for Oliver.

BARCLAY - On August 12th, to Elizabeth (nee Whitehead) and Edward, a daughter, Cecilia Laura Katherine.

BARTON-WOOD - On August 11th, to Sara (née Rust) and Richard (Wood), a son, Oliver James.

BRERETON - On August 12th 1991, to Caroline and Colin, a daughter, Amanda Frances, a sister for Richard.

CLOUGH - On July 24th, to Deborah (née Butler) and Jonathan, a son, Matthew James.

COMYN - On August 12th, diverted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, Dorset, to Jacqueline and Charles, a son, Henry Lewis Nugent.

COUPAR - On August 12th, at Mid-Sussex Hospital, to Glynis and Iain, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace, a sister for James.

DOUGLAS - On August 8th 1991 at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Mary (née Lilley) and David, a daughter, Jennifer Frances, a sister for Kate.

ECCOTT - On August 8th, at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Kate and Keith, a son, Samuel John.

FISHER - On August 9th, to Julia (née Pattinson) and Keith, a daughter, Poppy Frances.

GRADON - On August 13th, to Lee and Dave, a son, Charlie, a brother for Jack.

HENDERSON - On August 9th, to Rosanna (née Raworth) and Bryan, a son, Charles Alexander Brodie, a brother for Georgiana.

IVING - On July 29th, to Elizabeth (nee Scott-Gatty) and David, a daughter, Letitia Flora Gatty.

ASSEY - On August 5th 1991, to Gabrielle (nee Grym) and David, a daughter, Clio Bella, a sister for Adam.

O'LLACK - On August 7th, at the Portland Hospital, to Thomas Millack and Britta Hoffmann-Millack, a son, Peter Patrick.

HOLSON - On August 9th, to Elizabeth (nee Stone-Smith) and Jeremy, a son, Robert.

OLDLPH - On August 8th, to Corienne (nee Curtis) and Gregory, a son, Gregory, a brother for Douglas.

On August 11th 1991, aaron Rothwell and Turk, a daughter, Lucy. First daughter to Patricia and fourth grandchild Stanley and Cissie Turk.

HEELER - On August 9th, at The Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, to Karen (née Minchin) and Paul, a daughter, Jessica Louise

DEATHS

BERROW - On July 26th, in Capetown, Augustus Peter. Most beloved son of Miranda (nee Nicolle) and Paul Berrow and Grace's little brother

BOWLES - On August 12th, peacefully at New Milton, Victor William Noel Bowles M B E, aged 93 years. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday August 19th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for the MacMillan Cancer Relief, c/o Moodys F/D, 59 Old Milton Road, New Milton, Hants.

BURNE - On August 11th, Lillian May (nee Somervaille) of Lphook; previously Burma and Belize), aged 81, peacefully at home. Funeral at St Mary's, Bramshott, at 2.30 pm on August 20th.

COLLIE - On August 12th, Carl Howard, aged 87, of Christ Church, Oxford, suddenly at his home in Malta.

COLVIN - On August 10th, peacefully at home in London, Lettice. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11, on Friday August 16th at 4.20 pm. No flowers or letters by her own request

DEATHS

CORY - On August 12th 1991, Marjorie Thompson (nee Hiley), aged 96, peacefully at Greystone, Cleeve Hill, Cheltenham. Widow of Percy Webster Cory. Funeral at 11.30 am on Friday August 16th at the Cheltenham Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to charity of your choice.

CRAWFORD - On August 10th 1991, after a short illness, Alexander (Sandy), beloved husband of Meta Mackenzie of Wimbledon and father of Alastair. Funeral Service in MacGregors Service Rooms, 56 Largo Road, St Andrews, on Wednesday August 21st at 11 am, thereafter to the Western Cemetery, St Andrews.

CRISPE - On Monday August 12th, in New Zealand, Joanna Patricia Hare (née Duke), at the ripe old age of 102 years. A wonderful mother to sons Peter and Pal. Throughout her life she shared a long and affectionate relationship with all her many friends and family.

De FRAINE - On August 12th 1991, at Crondall Lodge, Crondall, Farnham, Surrey, Mrs Inez Isobel Eyre De Fraine, the wife of the late John Turner De Fraine. Funeral which will be private will take place at 2.30 pm at All Saints Church, Church Road, Fleet, Hants.; on Monday August 19th followed by cremation at Aldershot Crematorium at 3.30 pm the same day. Floral tributes and any enquiries to Ford Mears & Partners Funeral Directors of Kent Road, Fleet, Hants.

DELMEGE - On Sunday August 11th, James, peacefully at Savernake Hospital, Marlborough. Cremation Service at 11 am Friday August 16th at Swindon Crematorium, Stratton St Margaret.

DEWEY - On August 11th, Peter John, peacefully at home, dearly loved husband of Janet and much loved father of Judith, Sally and Kate. Funeral Service on Friday August 16th at 11.30 am at St Nicholas Church, Thames Ditton, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to R.N.L.I., if desired.

EDWARDS - On Saturday August 10th, peacefully at Tonna Hospital, Neath, Gwyneth May (of Evans & Bevan). Devoted great-aunt of Diane, Elizabeth and their children. Funeral Friday August 16th when a service will be held at St Catwgs Church, Cadoxton, Neath at 1.30 pm, followed by interment at Ynysmaerdy Cemetery. Briton Ferry at 2pm. Flowers to R.I. Richards Chapel of Rest, Danygraig Road, Neath, not later than 12 noon please or donations to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Mrs Joan Oxley, Tonna Hospital, Tonna, Neath

ELLIOTT - On August 12th, peacefully at home in Cuckfield, Sussex, after a short illness courageously borne, Grant, aged 66 years. Dearly loved husband of Marilynne, father of Angus, Douglas, Grant and Sue, grandfather of Charles, William, Grant, Sophie and Clifford. Funeral on Friday August 16th at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield at 12 noon followed by cremation. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu to his favourite charity, N.S.P.C.C. c/o Ashdown Funeral Service, 2 Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 1SH.

GORHAM - On August 12th, at Manor Farm Residential Home, Mere, Wilts., Lilian Mary (Betty), wife of the late Wally Gorham of Silton. Funeral Service at the Yeovil Crematorium on Friday August 16th at 1.30 pm. Donations if desired to South West Wills. Family Support Service and enquiries to L.C. Hill & Son, phone (0747) 860361.

GOSSAGE - On August 10th 1991, peacefully after brief illness, Anna Roberta (June), widow of Tony and much loved mother of Adrian, Jennifer, Pamela and Sarah and grandmother. Service Friday August 16th at St John's Church, Northington, nr. Alresford at 11 am. Donations if desired to Save the Children Fund.

DEATHS

GRIFFIN - On August 11th, peacefully in hospital, Harry Charles Geoffrey Griffin (Geoff) Lt. Cmdr. R.N. Ret'd. Father of Lesley and grandfather to Samantha and Simon. Funeral Service 2.15 pm at Portchester Crematorium on Friday August 16th. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Churcher & Tribbeck, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport.

GRIFFIN - On August 11th 1991, peacefully after Church, Yolande Mary Joyce, widow of John and adopted mother of the late Robert Griffin. Service at Christ Church, Brockham Green, at 11.30 am on Saturday August 17th followed by interment at Betchworth. If flowers wished, small posies preferred.

HEAVEN - On August 9th 1991, Leslie Alan, of Chesterton, aged 62 years. Dearest father of Carrie, Pip, Dave and Nicky. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2, on Thursday August 15th at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to British Heart Foundation.

HORBERRY - On August 9th, Winston Robert, husband of Betty and father of Anne and John. Funeral, Thursday August 15th 10 am, Randalls Park Crematorium. Enquiries to F.W. Chitty & Co. (0932) 264255.

JEVONS - On August 12th, John, founder of Langley School, Norfolk. Cremation private. No flowers. Thanksgiving Service later at Langley.

JONES - On August 10th, in King's College Hospital, Joan Ann. Beloved wife of H.J. 'Jonah' Jones, mother of Ian and Penelope, 'Granny' to Mark, Paul, Stephen, Matthew, Duncan and Caroline. Cremation, 9.30 am, Friday August 16th, Lewisham Crematorium, Verdant Lane, SE6. No flowers but please remember King's Medical Research Trust, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, SE5 9RS or British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

KING - On August 11th 1991, at his home, Thomas Alexander King, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.M.C.E., registered architect, aged 79 years. Former Deputy Borough Engineer, Barnet. Deeply loved by Mollie and all his family. Funeral Service will be held in west Herts Crematorium on Thursday August 15th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please, donations in memory may be sent for Muscular Dystrophy G.B., c/o Nethercott Funeral Directors, 150 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts. tel: (0707) 52288.

KOPPEL - On Monday August 12th, in Houston, Texas, Jerry, much loved wife of Anthony and mother of Kelli. Funeral private, donations if desired to Countess of Brecknock Hospice, Andover, Hants.

LINCOLN - On August 12th 1991, peacefully at University College Hospital, London, the Hon. Sir Anthony, aged 71 years. Enquiries to Messrs. Charles Russell Solicitors (Tel: 071-242 1031)

MARSDEN - On Monday August 12th, suddenly of a heart attack at home, Vere Mary, widow of R.E. Marsden, sister of the 19th Viscount Dillon, after a long happy and fulfilled life. Funeral Chapel Royal, Windsor Park, Friday 3.30 pm. Family flowers only.

MATHIAS - On August 12th, Lionel Armine (Mal), aged 83 years. Much loved husband of the late Rebecca and deeply loved father of Mary, Catherine and the late Louise. Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul, Shoreham, Kent, on August 19th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Clerk to the Almshouses, 1 High Street, Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

MIND - On August 12th 1991, after much suffering, Fay Allardice, beloved wife of Phillip and much loved by Nicola and Charlotte and their families. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at St James's Church, Abinger Common, on Friday September 20th at 3 pm.

DEATHS

MURPHY - On August 8th, peacefully after an illness borne with great courage and good humour, Eileen, formerly Flynn (née Fleming). Beloved wife of Ted, mother of Sean, James, Philip, Michael, Jean and Margaret and grandmother of Marcie, Simone, Christopher, Charles, Scarlett, Holly, Elizabeth and Katy. Much loved and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Croydon Crematorium, Friday August 16th at 11 am. Family flowers only - donations, if desired, to St Christopher's Hospice, London SE26 6DZ.

OFFORD - On August 10th, tragically following an accident, Timothy Crane, aged 51. Beloved husband of Carine and loving father of Georgina, Victoria, Alexandra and James. Service of Thanksgiving Monday August 19th at 2.30 pm, St Mary's Church, Tittleshall. No flowers by request. Donations, if desired, may be sent to St Mary's Church, Tittleshall.

ORANGE - On August 12th 1991, peacefully, Violet Mary, aged 83, Much loved and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday August 19th at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o L. Hawkins & Sons, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ND. Memorial Service at St Nicolas Church, Great Bookham, on Thursday August 22nd at 2 pm.

PAGET - On August 9th 1991, peacefully at St Heller's Hospital, Richard Berkeley, dearest father of Henrietta, Annabelle, Charlotte and Edward, most beloved brother of Mary-Pat and Caroline. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Designate Gardens, Guildford, on Friday August 16th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for The Disabled Living Foundation c/o Aylings Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey, tel: (0483) 67333.

PERREE - On August 11th, peacefully in his 83rd year, Francis (Frank), Dearly beloved husband of Marian. Much loved father and grandfather.

PITT - On August 12th 1991, Alice Mary (née Ashley), aged 79 years, of Burnham Market, Norfolk, dear wife of Devereux. Funeral Service at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn, on Monday August 19th at 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired for The Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association and The Universities Federation of Animal Welfare may be made at the office or to Eric W. Wilton Funeral Director, 26 Station Road, Heacham, Norfolk. Ora Pro Nobis.

RUSSELL - On August 11th 1991, peacefully at Kelso Cottage Hospital, Thomas Ainslie, of Greenside, Kirk Yetholm, Kelso, formerly of Colonial Agricultural Service in Bermuda and Nigeria. Economic Botanist at Kew. Economic Botanist at the Agricultural Institute at Allahabad serving with the Church Missionary Society. Beloved husband of Patricia Pooley, father of Catharine and Andrew. Funeral Service in Yetholm Church on Thursday August 15th at 1pm, thereafter to interment in Yetholm Cemetery.

SMITH-ROSE - On August 10th 1991, peacefully, Elsie, aged 95, widow of Dr. Reginald Smith-Rose CBE, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral on Wednesday August 21st at St Paul's Church, Nork Park at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only.

STANDFAST - On August 10th, suddenly, Barbara Howard, aged 80 years. Beloved wife of the late Arthur. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service on Wednesday August 21st at Chitterns Crematorium, Amersham at 11 am. Family flowers only but if desired donations to the Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o James Peddle Ltd., 66 High Street, Rickmansworth. tel: (0923) 772013.

WALLIS - On August 11th 1991, peacefully at home, Mary Christina, wife of the late Charles Wallis, much loved mother of Richard and Michael and grandma of Daisy and Jack. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday August 15th at 9.45 am. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W8.

WILD - On Saturday August 10th 1991, in hospital after a short illness, The Right Reverend Eric, formerly Bishop of Reading, beloved husband of Moyra and a dear father to Patrick and Hilary. A private family funeral has been arranged, however a Solemn Requiem Mass of Thanksgiving is to be announced at a later date. No flowers please but donations if desired for the Whitley Ward Appeal Fund, Battle Hospital, may be sent to Camp Hopson & Chivers F/D, Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berks.

WILLIAMS - On August 9th, suddenly at his home in Stubbington, Thomas Edwin Williams (Tom), aged 48. Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers, and Farmer, loving husband of Nichola and father of Emilie and Frances. Funeral Service 11 am at St Edmunds Church, Stubbington, Hants., on Monday August 19th, followed by private cremation service. Flowers or donations if preferred to the Royal Marines Benevolent Fund may be sent to Churcher & Tribbeck, Funeral Directors, 3 Stoke Road, Gosport, Hants., tel: (0705) 580755.

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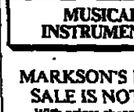
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Dated this 1st day of August, 1991
Alan Masters
Director

ATHOLL BUILDING CONTRACTORS (SCOTLAND) LIMITED

Notice

NEW RELEASES

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE YELLOW HOUSE (18): Dostoevsky meets Portuguese surrealism in João César Monteiro's slow, hypnotic oddity, featuring the director as a screggy, libidinous nonconformist.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

RETURN TO THE BLUE LAGOON (12): Teenage model Milla Jovovich and male hunk Brian Krause discover the joys of adolescence on a Pacific island. Vacuous, predictable sequel to the 1980 *Brooke Shields epic*.
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TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES II: THE SECRET OF THE OOZE (PG): Live-action Turtles fighting evil in New York, though with less violent frenzy than before. Action-packed for youngsters; director, Michael Pressman.
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AFTER DARK, MY SWEET (18): Tormented drifter (Jason Patric) wanders into a kidnapping plot. Atmospheric thriller (from a Jim Thompson novel) which survives its flaws.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043).

♦ **BACKDRAFT** (15): Overblown fire-fighting epic with awesome flames but paltry characters. Starring Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro; director, Ron Howard.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 9705) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

♦ **EDWARD SCISSORHANDS** (PG): Tim Burton's captivating fantasy about a boy with scissors for hands at large in American suburbia. With Johnny Depp, Dianne Wiest, Winona Ryder.
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Director, John McNaughton.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ *IN BED WITH MADONNA* (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian.
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♦ **LISTEN UP: THE LIVES OF QUINCY JONES** (12): Chaotic, fragmentary portrait of the multi-talented musician, with insights thinly scattered *through the hubbub*. Director, Ellen Weissbrod.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR** (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; directed by David Zucker.
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♦ **THE ROCKETEER** (PG): Hollywood Nazi agents covet miniaturised rocket. Endearing family romp with amusing period detail. Starring Bill Campbell, Jennifer Connelly, Timothy Dalton. Director, Joe Johnston.
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♦ **THELMA & LOUISE** (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American South-West. Blazing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

☑ **THE BOYS FROM SYRACUSE:** Rodgers and Hart musical based on *The Comedy of Errors* ebullient ly played with fab costumes.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 2.30pm and 8pm. 150mins.

☑ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, *mats tomorrow*, Sat, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **THE CARETAKER:** Donald Pleasence in Pinter's classic tussle between a tramp and two brothers. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed. 3pm. Sat. 5pm. 135mins.

☑ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). *Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat*, 3pm. 165mins

☐ **COMEDY OF ERRORS:** Desmond Barrit plays both twins in high-spirited production, part Disney-part Dali
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2pm. 150mins

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs. 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DICKENS' WOMEN:** Spirited, skilful tour of the funny, the fey and the gargoyles by Miriam Margolyes.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Tues-Sat, 8pm, mats 4pm, Sun, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE LADY FROM THE SEA:** Kathryn Pogson intense and persuasive in Ibsen's *drama of a woman's right to* choose her own man.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm 135mins.

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO** *NIGHT: Timothy West*, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's masterpiece of family guilt.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. 200mins.

☐ **THE MISER:** Charles Kay, Eleanor Bron in needlessly dour production by Steven Pimlott.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, *7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 185mins.*

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs. 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **THE ROSE TATTOO:** Fiamma Cinque temporarily replaces Julie Walters in Tennessee Williams's heated but joyful celebration of sex.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 160mins.

☐ **70, GIRLS, 70:** Irresistible Dora Bryan leads the cast of apparent 70-year-olds in a genial Kander & Ebb musical.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Helen Atkinson-Wood as a tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

■ **TROILUS AND CRESSIDA:** Top-quality production by Sam Mendes of the bard's caustic vision of love and war.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, Sat, 2pm. 210mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable again in Martin Sherman's artful play about leaders Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed. Sat, 3pm. 135mins

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DONALD COOPER

THEATRE

The Bruce
St Bride's

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

WHEN R.S. Silver's tribute to Robert Bruce was given a workshop production at last year's festival, it was advertised as an "unperformed masterpiece", which seemed *like calling a dish delicious* without having tried out the recipe. All I can recall of the occasion is a phalanx of actors in black jumpsuits, rushing about and roaring in period Scots thick enough to need subtitles. But now Charles Nowosielski and his Brunton Theatre Company have given the play *the thorough cooking its proponents* have long wanted. It comes with costumes and rather less inscrutable accents, and, if no masterpiece, turns out to be a powerfully felt celebration of Scots nationhood.

Silver, a poet and (the programme tells us) the scientist who brought desalination to Kuwait, wrote the play in 1948, the liberation of Europe in his mind. That may help explain why it was not produced at the time. Not everybody would have thought it tactful to draw implicit parallels between the nazis and medieval Englishmen who, motivated by their country's customary "greed and lust for power", annexed Scotland, massacred the people of Berwick, and committed wrongs and atrocities galore. A sneering lord who comes to arrest a bishop in Glasgow cathedral could be a B-movie Gestapo colonel. Edward I, ranting madly of conquest, might almost be Hitler.

With Edward saying things like "this stern command we give in clarity of thought secure and fullest presence of our royal mind", perhaps it is as well that most of the play is in Scottish. The less comprehensible it becomes, at least to English ears, the more poetic it sounds. There are oddities of production, too. It takes time to twig that two Bruces are often simultaneously on stage: Alec Heggie, an elderly cove discovered dying in his chain mail on a cathedral altar, and Paul Samson, a blunt, loud warrior-king. Some of the doubling does not make events clearer, either. Should the very recognisable David Monteath exit as Bruce's blood enemy and instantly re-enter as his brother?

Yet Silver's chronicle gradually grasps the attention. That may be hard to understand, given its lack of subtlety, its tendency to get windy, and a visual laboriousness broken by a striking scene in which the woman who crowned Bruce swings onstage in a tiny cage, to be mocked by English soldiers. The explanation can only be Silver's patriotic passion for his hero and what, like it or not, he believes to be his significance. How many kings committed themselves so selflessly to defending their country's freedoms? How many agreed to be fired if they did not come up to scratch? And how many treated the English so cynically?

Sir Walter Scott, nostalgic for the wild, bold Scotland of yesteryear, would probably have opposed the Act of Union; or so Robert Paterson, *playing him in the one-man show*, The Minstrel and the Shirra at Physicians Hall, dolefully confides. "But that cause is long lost," he adds. "The last notes of the old song are dying on a distant wind." And the harpist beside him on stage launches into "Will ye no come back again?".

Loss is the theme of Allan Massie's text: loss of old songs and an old culture, loss of love and a wife, and, thanks to Scott's business failures, loss of the wealth his novels earned him. It is informative stuff, but wordy and lacking in bite. Wry stoicism and dogged good humour are not the most dramatic of qualities; and they are what Paterson exudes for two hours. Oh for the Bruce and his broadsword!

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Crowning Bruce: Paul Samson (centre), watched by Alec Heggie (back)

THEATRE

A Tribute to The Blues Brothers
Whitehall

THIS is not a stage version of the film, *The Blues Brothers*; it is not a play of any kind. What it *is* is the most slickly staged concert since the last Madonna tour, and much more fun. There is even less of a frame to the evening than in *Five Guys Named Moe*, to which this could be seen as a cheeky younger brother, relying on (mostly) black music of more recent vintage than Louis Jordan's. The singers and musicians only briefly pretend to be the American originals. Once the initial pose has been undercut by references to being born in Halifax, the leading men, Jake (Con O'Neil) and Elwood (Warwick Evans), concentrate on singing their socks off in a succession of old songs, characterisation being confined to costume (dark blue suits, pork-pie hats and sun-glasses) and verbal sniping. Their singing is in the best white soul tradition, neither hammed up nor reticent, and occasionally inspired.

The songs are all good, from "Hey Bartender" to a blistering "Sweet Home Chicago", and the encore of "Jailhouse Rock". Maverick items include "Rawhide" and "Two Little Boys", the latter amusingly updated with rap.

Film-maker David Leland (*Wish You Were Here*) directs with minimum flash (Jake and Elwood enter from the flies) and maximum zest: the pace rarely slackens. The choreography (Carole Todd) is not adventurous, but strongly underpins the music, which is excellently performed by the six-piece band and the singers. The "brothers" are vocally supported by Greg Brown, Ian Roberts and Liza Spenz: all are potential stars. Saxophonist Tony McCormick's arrangements are faithful to the originals, but not slavishly so. In "Soul Man", for example, guitarist Ian Aitken mimics Steve Cropper's fills note-for-note, but anything else would be criminal.

Verbal and visual humour leavens the parade of oldies; the set (Caroline Amies) is atmospheric and the lighting (Patrick Woodroffe) is superb. Particular praise must go to "sound designer" Nick Gilpin for clarity, punch and for keeping the volume to a reasonable level. On opening night, dancing in the aisles broke out at several points. This musical mongrel of a show may not be theatre, but as entertainment it needs no excuses.

TONY PATRICK

PROMS

BBC SO/Bamert
Albert Hall/Radio 3

NOT an exclamation, nor an exultant cry to a great city, *O Rio* is simply *A River*. But in the imagination of 31-year-old Martin Butler, nothing is so simple. *O Rio* is his new orchestral work, commissioned by the BBC, and it flows at the flood tide of the composer's confidence and skill.

At 15 minutes in length, and scored for large orchestra, it is Butler's most substantial orchestral work to date. It both confirms and expands the attributes of his work from the 1980s: the graphic imagery, realised in precisely heard and chosen sonorities, the clarity of design and scoring.

Butler's continuing fascination with a sense of undertow, uniting surface passages of activity, here comes into its own in the person of the river itself. His virtuoso skill at placing and displacing, nudging and manipulating rhythms creates a brilliant, often harsh pattern of light and movement. Rapid transpositions of chord structures interact erratically with circular melodies, and sharp fragments of Latin American song and dance burst from the throats of trumpets.

At the heart is a north Brazilian myth. Powerful flute spirits were said to live at the bottom of the river. Butler takes on the challenge of capturing them and learning the power of creation itself. Three flutes, surrounded by the aqueous tones of vibraphone, celesta and harp, echo and reverberate, tangling with the most elusive of melodies. This is, finally, in the words of the composer, "flung out, alone, a delta".

Mathias Bamert, conducting the BBC Symphony Orchestra, seemed a little cautious, and anxious to do what was right by the letter. The spirit of the piece will doubtless be freed in the second performance it richly deserves.

What Butler had done to deserve having his piece wedged into such a warlike programme was not clear. *O Rio* was preceded by Tchaikovsky's *Marche slave* and followed by the pompous *Hunnenschlacht*, Liszt's noisy battle symphony.

Neither here nor, much more importantly, in Prokofiev's *Alexander Nevsky*, did Bamert and his forces seem inspired by the drama. Despite the presence of BBC Symphony and Philharmonia Choruses, and a moving solo from Jean Rigby, the cantata's force was blunted by slack rhythms, weak accentings and poor entries.

HILARY FINCH



Well-suited to the roles: Thomas Edur and Agnes Oaks

DANCE

Coppélia
Festival Hall

IN MOST of the roles they have danced since joining English National Ballet last year, Agnes Oaks's *demure* manner has allowed her to be overshadowed by the quiet directness of her husband Thomas Edur, but *Coppélia* this week redresses the balance. Swanilda, the heroine, is a spirited creature, and she makes the most of this.

Little touches throughout the evening add nuances to the character: the good-natured way she makes clear that her Spanish and Scottish solos disguised as the doll are done only to humour the old toymaker, for instance, or the glowing warmth she conveys in her wedding duet. Her dancing is crisp and bright, but never coldly glossy; there is always a sense of human feeling behind her actions.

Edur, too, is well-suited to this work, and shows the modest but dashing manner that has endeared him to audiences in all his other roles. He both acts and dances well, bringing out character and motivation clearly at every point — but his is a generous performance, rightly allowing Swanilda to hold the chief interest.

Unfortunately, the rest of the performance was at best routine. The men, on the whole, danced better than the women in the ensembles. The mimed roles looked stereotyped, and Philippe Arrona made a desultory Dr Coppelius, conscientious but dull, lacking either mystery or pathos.

Desmond Heeley's designs are not his best: they look fussy and over-ornate for such a simple story. Nor did the band under David Frame make the most of Delibes's score on Monday night: the playing was proficient, but this music deserves both more depth and more glitter.

The production, six years old now, was the late John Field's last commission for the company before leaving its directorship, and shows the qualities he always looked for: respect for tradition but an eye to making the results lively for present-day audiences. There are details in Ronald Hynd's choreography that still jar, but he has the great virtue of keeping the traditional classical dances for Swanilda looking as fresh as if they had just been invented.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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TODAY'S EVENTS

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

LA LA LA HUMAN STEPS: One of Canada's leading dance troupes — formed in 1980 by choreographer Edouard Lock, a pioneer in film and video techniques — visits Britain for the first time, performing *Infants — C'est Destroy*.
Playhouse Theatre, Greenside Place, tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

KIROV OPERA OF LENINGRAD: An opportunity to see Mussorgsky's rarely staged, one-act opera *The Marriage*, continuing the "festival within a festival" season celebrating the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth.
Valery Gergiev conducts.
St Bride's Centre, Orwell Terrace, 7pm.

TANGO AT THE END OF WINTER: With a strong, English-speaking cast (Alan Rickman and Suzanne Bertish), Japanese director Yukio Ninagawa treats Kunio Shimizu's play to some striking visual effects and snatches of moody music. The end result is a strangely atmospheric and generally incoherent production which has failed to meet high expectations following Ninagawa's past successes at Edinburgh.
King's Theatre, Leven Street, tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

ROYAL SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA: Soprano Galina Simkina, tenor David Rendall and bass-baritone Willard White join the orchestra performing Britten's *War Requiem*, conducted by Sir Alexander Gibson.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, 8pm

CZECH NONET: The group, consisting of nine members of the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra, give the first of two wind-and-string programmes. Tonight's programme features a new work by Tenn.
Queen's Hall, South Clerk Street, 11am.

Edinburgh International Festival Box Office: 031-225 5756.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

AUTOGEDDON: Roy Hutchins recites Heathcote Williams's campaigning narrative poem on the relationship between man and the motor car.
Edinburgh Suite, Assembly Rooms, George Street, daily, 3.30pm, until August 31.

NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC THEATRE: Richard Taylor's successful music-theatre group bring three productions to the festival: Denise Coffey's war-time musical *Once Upon a War* and the ever-popular *Guys and Dolls* are performed in repertoire until August 24; and on August 26, the company introduces *Aesop*, an opera project based on *Aesop's Fables*.
George Square Theatre, George Square, *Once Upon a War*, 3pm; *Guys and Dolls*, 7pm.

THE KOSH: Dance theatre group and pioneers of mixed media performance in the Scottish premiere of *Dinner Dance*, an exploration of containment and confinement, set in a kitchen (see feature, page 11).
Music Hall, Assembly Rooms, George Square, tonight-Fri, 1.45pm.

Edinburgh Festival Fringe Box Office: 031-226 5257/5258.

ELSEWHERE

ARTURO SANDOVAL AND HIS AMERICAN BAND: Annual three-week residency by the Cuban trumpeter with a fusion and Latin outfit.
Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (071-439 0747), 9.30pm.

CLAIRE MARTIN: A vivacious singer whose voice wraps itself around intelligent arrangements of Cole Porter, Thomas Dolby and others.
Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (071-235 5550), 9.15pm and 11.15pm.

UNCLE VANYA: After a nine-week tour, Chekhov's play, in a new production by Renaissance Theatre Company, opens in London. This is the first non-Shakespeare classic to be staged by Renaissance and stars Richard Briers as Vanya, *alongside Peter Egan as Astrov*. Egan makes his directorial debut, co-directing with Kenneth Branagh.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311), 7.15pm.

BBC PROMS: Henri Dutilleux's *Mystère de l'instant*, first performed two years ago, is performed by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, followed by John Lill in Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6. Libor Pesek conducts. Later at 10pm, the USSR Ministry of Culture Chamber Choir under Valery Polyansky performs Rachmaninov's *All Night Vigil*.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-823 9696), 7.30pm and 10pm.

COPPELIA: Maria Teresa del Real and Pablo Savoye as the young couple in Ronald Hynd's popular production for English National Ballet, which completes the company's three-week residency at the Festival Hall (see review, right).
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

AUGUST MARDI GRAS: A visit by the New Orleans-based marching band, Rebirth Brass Band, making its British debut at this year's Snape Proms.
Snape Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (0728 453543), 7.30pm.

GYORGY PAUK: *The celebrated* violinist plays Bartók (Rhapsody No 1) and Maxwell Davies (Two Fiddlers), accompanied by Ian Brown.
College of Arts, Tolsea, Devon (0803 863073), 8.15pm.

WORD-WATCHING

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SKOLION
(b) A short drinking-song in ancient Greece, taken up by the guests in irregular succession, from the Greek word: "I mean the skolion, when one guest commenced a sentence in verse, and handed a branch to any other he chose, who had to finish it."

CULLET
(c) Waste glass, melted up again with new material, from the Latin *collum* neck (sc. of a bottle): "The pot is now ready for receiving the topping of cullet."

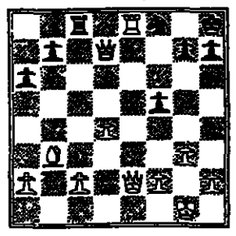
PLATEASM
(a) A broad Doric pronunciation, from the Greek *platus, plateia* broad: "Greek rhetoricians call its plateasm, that is to say, a broad way of speaking, with the mouth wide open."

CORCASS
(c) The name in Ireland for the salt-marshes along the banks of the Shannon and other rivers, from the Irish *corcach* marsh, moor: "The most fertile of all are the bullock pastures on the banks of the Shannon called the corcasses.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Lipschutz — Schallopp, London 1886. White to play and win.



Solution: 1 Qxb4! Rxb4 (or ... Qxe2 2 Qg8 mate) 2 Rxb8 mate

ENTERTAINMENTS

CINEMAS

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 **IN THE REALM OF THE SENSES (AI NO CORRIDA)** (18) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 4.00 6.10 & 8.25 Last Week. From Fri **ELVIRA MADIGAN** (PG)

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Marcello MastroIanni in **EVERYBODY'S FINE (STANNO TUTTI BENE)** (12) Progs at 12.30 (not Sun) 3.05, 5.50 & 8.25

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 **MERCHANT/IVORY SEASON** Today & Tomor 1.00, 3.30, 6.05 & 8.40. **MR AND MRS BRIDGE** (PG) From Fri **PARIS TROUT** (18)

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Around the World with Willy Fog. Willy and his friends arrive in San Francisco in their balloon (r) 9.35 Why Don't You . . ? Entertaining ideas for children at a loose end (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 Muppet Babies. Cartoon (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Our House. American family drama series 11.55 The History Man. Bryan McNerney visits the crypt of Northumbria's Hexham Abbey
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 The Garden Party. Al fresco magazine series with, today, an international flavour — with Malaysian music, a Sikh wedding and a discussion about the difficulties faced by couples who come to Britain from abroad. There is also an interview with the Irish writer Edna O'Brien. Wales: The Royal Welsh 1991 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 Cricket: NatWest Bank Cricket Trophy Semi-Finals. Live coverage from one of today's NatWest Bank Trophy semi-final matches. The other semi-final is covered on BBC2
4.10 Rupert. Adventures of the gaily-garbed bear, narrated by Ray Brooks (r) 4.15 Yogi's Treasure Hunt. Cartoon (r)



Precocious talent: Jean-Louis Gandon with Carl Davis (4.35pm)

4.35 The Mozart Specials: Mozart from Scratch.
● CHOICE: These three films — today's is the first — are the happy consequence of someone at the BBC realising that, in planning the flood of programmes that commemorate the bicentenary of Mozart's death, nobody had given a thought to the Mozart-lovers of tomorrow — the children. The keynote of *Mozart from Scratch* is precocity. We are, naturally enough, terribly impressed when the four-and-a-half year old pianist Jean-Louis Gandon plays an Andante in C, but our astonishment is tempered by the knowledge (imparted by the composer-conductor Carl Davis, an inveterate patter of young heads) that Mozart was only five when he wrote it. In fact, all the children we see performing this afternoon are of an age equivalent to Mozart's when he wrote the works they play. Rory O'Connor, 12, sings an aria from *Apollo et Hyacinthus* well enough, but where on earth did Mozart, 12, acquire the knowledge of jealousy, passion and murder that enabled him to pen it? (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Bartons. Episode eight of the 11-part children's drama series (r)
5.35 Neighbours. (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Legendary rock star David Bowie and his new band Tin Machine provide the musical entertainment while Terry chats to actress Sally Field about her role in the new film *Soapdish*, a spoof on American soaps, and to Kevin Cline
7.30 Come Dancing '91. Angela Rippon taps her toes and Charles Nove commentates while ballroom dancers from Liverpool and Birmingham compete in the popular competition. From the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool (Ceefax)
8.00 Bergerac: All the Sad Songs. The Jersey detective (John Nettles) spends a day at the races on the look-out for counterfeit money — and gets caught up in the seedy world of the cabaret circuit (r). (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View presented by Clive Anderson
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Love and Hate. Concluding the two-part Canadian mini-series based on the true and tragic story of a broken marriage. Colin (Kenneth Welsh) decides to take revenge on JoAnn (Kate Nelligan). (Ceefax)
11.05 Cricket: NatWest Bank Trophy Semi-Finals. Tony Lewis and Richie Benaud introduce highlights from both of today's semi-final matches in the NatWest Bank Trophy one-day series
11.55 Weather. Wales: News headlines and weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Social Science Foundation Course — A Europe of the Regions? Ends at 7.35
8.00 News
8.15 BC: The Archaeology of the Bible Lands — The House of David. Magnus Magnusson probes the evidence about the unification of Judah and Israel under King David (r)
8.45 Writers' Houses: Lord Byron Lived Here. Peter Porter visits Newstead in Nottinghamshire and describes the life and achievements of the great 18th century romantic poet (r)
9.00 Catchword. Paul Coia's word game (r)
9.30 The Circus Moves On — In Calabria. Documentary about the ups and downs of life on the road for the Italian Circus Embelliriva. Made up of seven families, the circus never stays longer than three days in any one place (r)
10.20 Cricket: NatWest Bank Trophy Semi-Finals. Tony Lewis and Richie Benaud present live coverage from both of today's 60-overs-per-side, one-day series matches
12.55 Country File. John Craven presents up-to-date coverage of rural issues (r) 1.20 Mr Benn. (r)
1.35 Cricket: Nat West Bank Trophy Semi-Finals. Tony Lewis and Richie Benaud introduce live coverage of today's semi-final matches. The commentators are Jack Bannister, Ray Illingworth, Tom Graveney and Geoffrey Boycott. Includes news and weather at 2.00, 3.00 and 3.50
7.25 DEF II: Rough Guide to Careers — Beauty.
● CHOICE: Nobody with commercial instincts will expect Raj Dhanda's and Danielle Lux's survey of the jobs open to youngsters interested in the beauty industry, to take account of the philosophical argument about beauty being skin deep. This, then, is an exclusively cash-register enquiry into the whole business of vanity, and heavily statistical with it: one million jobs in the industry; 50,000 new openings every year in Britain alone; 200,000 jobs in hairdressing salons, where students wash up to 30 heads a day; countless thousands of models in the UK, but fewer than 1,000 making a decent (i.e. financially worthwhile) living. There are other disincentives listed tonight, not least the disclosure that you will have to train for ten years if you want to be a beauty therapist, and that "glamour modelling" usually means taking your top off.
8.00 Reaching for the Skies: Rivals Over the Atlantic. Anthony Quayle narrates the history of how Boeing emerged as the clear winner in the commercial competition for control of the passenger air routes between Europe and the United States, and how the 747 Jumbo Jet became king (r). (Ceefax)



Theory of a divine feline: Simon Donald, Eleanor Bron (9.00pm)

9.00 Screenplay: The Hour of the Lynx.
● CHOICE: Looking for light in what it calls the black holes in the universe of the psyche, Per Olov Enquist's play offers the theory that, in the disordered mind of a double murderer (Simon Donald), God could be a marmalade cat. This line of thought elicited some chortles from the press preview audience, and it is, indeed, the closest the play gets to light relief, though the truth is that the theory about the divine feline is very seriously considered by the pastor (Eleanor Bron), whose metaphysical aid is sought by the psychiatric researcher (Sylvestra Le Touzel), whose controlled experiment with the killer has gone horribly wrong. Like his fellow Swede Ingmar Bergman, Enquist appears to know the tormented areas of the soul as well as he knows the layout of his own house. The rest of us may have difficulty even finding the play's front door, though searching for it offers much food for thought. (Ceefax)
10.10 Screenplay Firsts: When I Was a Girl (b/w). Winner of the Best European Short Film category at the Cork Film Festival, this is the sensitively-told story of a young girl growing up in Swindon in the Fifties who has to come to terms with the death of her father, the gradual awakening of her sexuality and an uncertain future. Starring Katy Smith, Kim Thomson and Peter Woollaston
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 Edinburgh Nights: A Portrait of Richard Demarco. Sixty-one and far from retiring, the British art scene's wildest child is celebrating his 25th year at the Edinburgh Festival, and is exploring pastures new in Budapest
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Engineering Mechanics — Work and Energy. Ends at 12.30

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Vicky the Viking 9.50 Thames News and weather
9.55 The Haunted School. Episode seven of the eight-part drama starring Carol Drinkwater as an English governess living in the Australian outback (r) 10.25 Just For The Record. Featuring the world's tallest policeman and the fastest house demolishers (r)
10.50 News and Weather 10.55 Adventures on Kythera II. Episode three of the six-part children's adventure series set on a Greek island 11.25 Ox Tales 11.55 Thames News 12.00 Disney Cartoon featuring Pluto 12.10 Allsorts (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Take the High Road. Scottish soap set in the Highlands 2.50 All Clued Up. Game show for married couples
3.15 News and weather 3.20 Thames News and weather 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama
3.55 The Wombles (r). (Oracle) 4.05 Bangers & Mash. Animation (r) 4.15 I Can Do That! Three children compete for the chance of being a sea captain 4.40 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Harris visits London's Museum of the Moving Image (r)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley joins a mother and her two children when they visit a dental surgery for a regular check-up
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) 6.30 Thames News
7.00 Busman's Holiday. Piano tuners, wigmakers and fizzy drink makers compete for the chance to see how their jobs are done in another country. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Highway to Heaven. Celestial adventure series starring the late Michael Landon as a trainee angel sent to Earth to gain his wings
9.00 James Randi: Psychic Investigator. The bearded debunker tests claims that crystals contain healing powers
9.30 Singles. Simon Cadell, Judy Loe, Susie Blake and Eamon Boland star in the comedy series about four single friends
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather



A ceremonial exchange: Ongka of the Kawelka tribe (10.40pm)

10.40 Disappearing World. The last in this series of documentaries is about the Kawelka tribe of Papua New Guinea. Ongka is an important member of his tribe and has used his talents to collect a number of gifts which he now has to sacrifice in a ceremonial exchange, or moka (r). (Oracle)
11.40 L.A. Law Celebrates 100 Episodes. A special programme, made earlier this year, when some of the world's most famous legal eagles opened their courts to guests to celebrate the 100th episode of the series. The series, which has received 12 Emmy Awards, is so popular that the day was declared *L.A. Law* Day by the mayor of Los Angeles. The hundredth episode can be seen tomorrow night at 9.00
12.30am Film: Hockey Night (1984). A likeable Canadian film about a hockey-mad teenage girl who is determined to join the local boys' all-star team. When she becomes the goalie at the expense of one of the boys, his father tries to pressurise the coach into dropping her from the team. Directed by Paul Shapiro
2.00 World Chess Championships. Coverage of the quarter-finals from Brussels, where Britain's Nigel Short is trying for a place in the semi-finals. Presented by Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times* which also sponsors the transmissions of the highlights
2.15 Videofashion. The latest news from the world of high fashion
2.40 America's Top Ten presented by Casey Kasem
3.10 Quiz Night. The pub and club quiz show, hosted by Martin Roberts
3.40 Horse Trials. Coverage of the Pedigree Super League from Crookham, Hampshire
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Newsreel footage from August 1941 — Home Guards attack on skates, Germany expels American consuls and Chinese cities are bombed by the Japanese
5.00 Grand Ole Opry. Country music show from Nashville, Tennessee
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: Dry Rot (1956. b/w) Pure knockabout delight, starring Brian Rix, Ronald Shiner and Sid James as a trio of crooked bookies who try to swap an old nag for the favourite in a big horse race. Also starring Joan Sims and Peggy Mount, directed by Maurice Elvey
11.00 Fragile Earth: Black Triangle. An investigation into the extent of the damage done to the environment by the uranium and coal mines of the area known as the Black Triangle — where Poland, Czechoslovakia and Germany meet (r)
12.00 In Search of Scotland's Larder. Derek Hunter travels around Scotland in search of fabulous food. Today he learns the secrets of making good porridge and how to prepare bereneal bannocks
12.30 Business Daily. A round-up of the news from the world's markets
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Changing Faces: The King's Painters. Part three of the series on the history of portrait painting (r)
2.30 Film: Fighting Men of the Plains (1949. b/w). Energetic western starring Randolph Scott as an ex-criminal turned marshal who tries to clean up the town controlled by villain Barry Kelley. With Bill Williams and Victor Jory, directed by Edwin L. Marin
4.15 Foxi Short German film about an old man whose only friend in the world is a cuddly toy
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game hosted by Richard Whiteley
5.00 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Husbands Plead "Take Me Back". Oprah talks to estranged husbands who have been through a mid-life crisis and put their wives through hell — and now want their spouses to give them a second chance
6.00 Kate and Allie. Sitcom about the two delightful divorcees and their children who share a house together in New York's Greenwich Village (r)



Showbiz gossip: Ann Bryson and Maria McErlane (6.30pm)

6.30 Sixthirtysomething. New showbiz series which promises star interviews, film and television previews and inside gossip from Hollywood, London and beyond. The first programme includes interviews with David Bowie in Dublin, where he is on tour with his new band the Tin Machine, and with Samantha Fox. Presented by Ann Bryson and Maria McErlane
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Comment
8.00 Brookside. Suburban Merseyside soap. (Teletext)
8.30 Check Out '91.
● CHOICE: Strange are the ways of the Department of Education and Science. Either that or C4's consumer magazine hasn't tried hard enough to get official answers to its questions. The latter seems unlikely given *Check Out 91*'s impressive track record. Why, then, does the department persistently refuse to fund an experiment which we are told has, in some cases, doubled the GCSE pass rate? Cognitive Acceleration through Science Education (CASE for short) has had a seven-year trial. Tonight's report focuses on two comprehensives, in Wigan and Lambeth, where the results have been startling. CASE, to put it simply, aims to develop a pupil's ability to reason by simultaneously combining practice and theory, defining things like variables and probabilities. Lay minds may not easily make the link between GCSE success and classroom lessons about sinking or floating jam-jars, holly berries and severe winters, and smoking grandads who reach 90 without getting lung cancer
9.00 Out: The Battle of Tuntenhaus. Tonight's programme in the gay and lesbian series follows the fortunes of an eastern Germany squat which is occupied by 30 gay men. Also in the programme, Khush, a visual discovery of the lives of South Asian homosexuals in Britain, North America and India. (Teletext)
10.00 The Golden Girls. Comedy with the Miami matrons (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. Clive talks to *Newsnight* presenter Jeremy Paxman, *Sunday Sport* editor Drew Robertson and comedian Rory McGrath (r)
11.05 Nightingles. Sitcom about night security watchmen, starring Robert Lindsay, a big hit in *G.B.H.* (r)
11.35 Frank's Place: Duelling Voodoo. Off-beat comedy set in a New Orleans restaurant
12.05am Mission Eureka: A Dangerous Game. European space-drama series. Ends at 1.00

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 8.00-9.00 Island Son 12.30am Quiz Night 1.00 America's Top Ten 1.30 Film: Yesterday's Tomorrow 3.35 Horse Trials 4.35 Pop Profile 4.45 Fifty Years On 5.05-5.30 Farming Diary

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 One to One 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son 1.40am North and South 1.25 Elvis Presley — Aloha from Hawaii 2.55 Video View 3.25 60 Minutes 4.20-5.30 Film: Behind the Headlines

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25-7.00 Central News 8.00-9.00 Magnum 12.30 In the Heat of the Night 1.30 Film: The Bobo 3.20 60 Minutes 4.15-5.30 Central Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 8.00-9.00 Magnum 11.40 North and South 1.25 Elvis Presley — Aloha from Hawaii 2.55 Video View 3.25 60 Minutes 4.20-5.30 Film: Behind the Headlines

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Kitchen Garden 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Turas Gu Paris 8.00-9.00 Matlock 12.30am Coach 1.00 Donahue 2.00 Kojak 3.00 Film: They Made Him a Criminal 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Highway to Heaven 11.40 North and South 1.25 Elvis Presley — Aloha from Hawaii 2.55 Video View 3.25 60 Minutes 4.20-5.30 Film: Behind the Headlines (Paul Carpenter, Hazel Court, Adrienne Corri)

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Magnum 11.40-12.30am Kojak

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 On the Wild Side 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Son 11.40 North and South 1.25 Elvis Presley — Aloha from Hawaii 2.55 Video View 3.25 60 Minutes 4.20-5.30 Film: Behind the Headlines (Paul Carpenter, Hazel Court, Adrienne Corri)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's The Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 The Equalizer 11.40 North and South 1.25am Elvis Presley — Aloha from Hawaii 2.55 Video View 3.25 60 Minutes 4.20-5.30 Film: Behind the Headlines (Paul Carpenter, Hazel Court, Adrienne Corri)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 8.00-9.00 Island Sun 10.40 Floodlit Cricket 12.30am Garrison's Gorillas 1.30 William Tell 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30 Rock of Europe 3.00 Comedy Tonight 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.30 Jobfinder

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RTE 1
Starts: 3.05pm News followed by The Forum Presents 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Father Brown 5.20 Questquo 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 6.30 Elmer fudd 6.40 Great Expectations 7.30 Flight Over Spain 8.05 Life Goes On 9.00 News 9.20 Troubles 11.15 News 11.25 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.10pm Bosco 3.40 Sharkey and George 4.05 The Kid from Canada 4.45 Ralph S Mouse 5.40 Danger Bay 6.00 Gentle Ben 6.30 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 The Poetry Book 7.05 Perfect Strangers 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by The Singing Apes of Khao Yai 8.30 Who's The Boss? 9.00 Bagdad Cafe 9.25 News followed by Dempsey and Makepeace 10.25 Music From Ireland 10.55 News 11.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.40 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Anything for Money 8.00 "V" 8.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Twist in the Tale 12.30am World's Funniest Commercial Goofs 1.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Getaway 3.30 Our World: Ark on the Move 4.30 Fashion TV 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Fashion TV 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase. Incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 The Four Musketeers (1974). Swashbuckling sequel to Richard Lester's *The Three Musketeers*
12.00 What Price Victory? (1988): Drama about the dubious recruitment methods of an American college football team
2.00 Where Pigeons Go to Die (1990): A middle-aged man recalls the time he spent with his grandfather as a boy. Starring Art Carney
4.00 Breaking Away (1979): Four high school boys spend their last summer together. Starring Dennis Quaid
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989): *Two California teenagers travel back* through time, kidnapping famous figures from world history. Starring Keanu Reeves
8.00 Paperhouse (1989): A bed-ridden 11-year-old girl is inexorably drawn into her dream world. Starring Charlotte Burke
10.00 Princess Academy (1988): Comedy in which the girls at a European finishing school aim to get rich quick. Starring Eva Gabor
11.35 "10" (1979): A menopausal Hollywood songwriter (Dudley Moore) falls for Bo Derek and risks his relationship with Julie Andrews
1.45am Cellar Dweller (1987): A blood-thirsty monster springs to life from the pages of a comic book. Starring Debrah Mullowney
4.00 Remote Control (1987): Kevin Dillon is accused of a series of murders but is really the victim of an alien plot. Ends at 5.25

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am The Naked Prey (1965): A hunter becomes the hunted when he is captured on safari by an African tribe
8.15 Dr Snuggles: Animated adventure
10.15 On the Double (1961): Danny Kaye stars as the double of a second world war English general
12.15pm Cash on Demand (1963): An insurance investigator plots to rob a bank. Starring Peter Cushing
2.15 A Star Is Born (1937): Frederic March and Janet Gaynor star in the original story of the fading star and the protégée, whose career he helps to further
4.15 Mr Rock and Roll (1957): Pretentious saga of how Alan Freed "discovered" rock 'n' roll. Starring Alan Freed
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1978): A group of New Jersey teenagers travels to New York in 1964 to hear the Beatles
8.15 Great Balls of Fire (1989): Biopic of the rock 'n' roll singer Jerry Lee Lewis. Starring Dennis Quaid
10.15 Fame (1980) Oscar-winning drama following eight top students at the New York High School for the Performing Arts
12.30am Tap (1988): A tap dancer (Gregory Hines), recently released from jail, teams up with a retired tap dancer in an attempt to stay on the straight and narrow
2.20 All That Jazz (1979): Surreal musical fantasy based on the life and loves of the late director-choreographer, Bob Fosse. Starring Roy Schieder
4.25 Motels (1971): Rock film following the outrageous exploits of Frank Zappa and his band, The Mothers of Invention. Ends at 6.00

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 1.00pm Kick-Boxing 2.00 Wimbledon Tennis Finals: Men's Doubles 4.00 Watersports 5.00 American Sports Cavalcade 6.00 German Touring Cars. Highlights from Wunstorf 7.00 ATP Tennis Magazine 8.00 NatWest Bank Trophy Semi-Finals 10.00 Australian Rugby League 12.00 NatWest Bank Trophy Semi-Finals

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Cycling: World Championships from Stuttgart 3.00 Tennis: Chang v Connors 5.00 Cycling: World Championships from Stuttgart 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Cycling from Stuttgart 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 Supercross from Bercy 10.00 Tennis: WTA Magazine 10.30 Eurosport News. Cycling Tour of The Netherlands

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am ATP/IBM Tennis Tour 8.30 International Amateur Cycling 9.00 World Professional Billiards 10.00 Offshore Powerboat Racing 11.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike World Championships 12.00 Go! 1.00pm German Bundesliga 2.30 UK Athletics 3.30 Women's Tennis 5.00 Pro Surfing Tour 5.30 Budweiser Jet Ski Tour 6.00 US PGA Golf Tour 8.00 All Japan F3000 Championships 9.00 International Athletics 10.00 Major League Baseball

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Workout 11.50 Pizza Gourmet 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's New 1.10 Search For Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge Of Night 2.05 Afternoon Cinema. This Time For Me 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Mothers-in-Law 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of music and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Suite for viola and small orchestra: Frederick Riddle; Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman del Mar) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Albinoni (Concerto in D minor, Op 9 No 2: English Concert under Pinnock, with David Reichenberg, oboe); Debussy (Sonata for flute, violin and harp: Melos Ensemble); Haydn (Symphony No 93 in D: Orchestra of the 18th Century under Brüggen) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Purcell. Suite in G (London Baroque); Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat (Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, under Simon Preston); My Beloved Spake (Choir of King's College, Cambridge; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Philip Ledger); Pavan a 4 in G minor (London Baroque); Rejoice in the Lord Alway (Choir of King's College, Cambridge; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Philip Ledger); Three Parts on a Ground in D (London Baroque); Blessed Are They That Fear the Lord (Choir of King's College; Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields)
9.35 Midweek Choice (FM only from 10.30), with Susan Sharpe. Haydn (Symphony No 80 in D minor: Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Satie (Gnossiennes, Nos 1 and 2: Pascal Rogé, piano); Vaughan Williams (Flos Campi: Corydon Singers, ECO under Matthew Best, with Nobuko Imai, viola); Satie (Gnossiennes, Nos 3 and 4); Chopin (Piano Trio in G minor, Op 8: Trio Fontenay); Glière (Ballet, The Red Poppy: Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra under Yuri Fayer); Gurney (Sleep: Martyn Hill, tenor, Clifford Benson, piano); Satie (Gnossiennes, Nos 5 and 6)
10.30-7.30pm Cricket Special (MW only): The NatWest Trophy semi-finals, incl at 12.50pm News
11.55 BBC Scottish SO (FM only) under Takuo Yuasa performs Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 3 in C: David Horne); Stravinsky (Firebird Suite, 1945)
1.00pm News (FM only)
1.05 To My Dear Friend Haydn (FM only): Second of six programmes. Haydn (String Quartet in G, Op 33 No 5: Aeolian Quartet); Mozart (String Quartet in D minor, K 421: Alban Berg Quartet)
1.55 BBC Philharmonic (FM only) under David Atherton performs Walton (Johannesburg Festival Overture); Vaughan Williams (A London Symphony) (r)
2.50 Vintage Years (FM only): Igor Markevitch conducts *Stravinsky* (Suite, Pulcinella — excerpts; Divertimento: French National Radio Orchestra; Le Sacre du Printemps: Philharmonia Orchestra)
4.00 Choral Evensong (FM only), recorded at St Paul's Cathedral, London
5.00 Music from Latvia (FM only): The first of two programmes of traditional Latvian dance tunes introduced, played and sung by the Jumprava Folk Band from Riga (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only), with Peter Paul Nash
5.55 News (FM only)
7.00 Proms 1991 (FM only until 7.30): Live from the Albert Hall, London. Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under Libor Pesek performs Dutilleux (Mystère de l'instant); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor: John Lill). 7.55 Tchaikovsky and Fate: An interval talk by John Warrack. 8.15 Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Pathétique)
9.15 Childhood in the Middle Ages: Professor Jeffrey Richards proposes a new interpretation of the medieval attitude to children (r)
9.35 Telemann (Concerto in G for four violins, unaccompanied: Simon Standage, Micaela Comberti, Miles Golding and Andrew Manze, violins; Oboe Concerto in E minor: Hans-Peter Westermann; Camerata Köln)
10.00 Proms 1991: Live from the Albert Hall, London. USSR Ministry of Culture Chamber Choir under Valery Polyansky performs Rachmaninov (Vespers, Op 37)
11.15 Rossini (Sonata for Strings No 1 in G: Camerata Bern under Thomas Füri)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Mendelssohn (r)

RADIO 4

(a) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 Down With Skool! and How to be Topp, by Geoffrey Willans and Ronald Searle (2 of 7) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 In the Psychiatrist's Chair: Dr Anthony Clare's subject is Jean Rook
9.40 Reading About: Bright Morning. Bernard Cribbins reads from Don Haworth's *Bright Morning: Images of a Lancashire Boyhood* (r)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: A postbag edition (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Ways We Surfed, by Bill Franzen. Read by Garrick Hagon (r)
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Science Friction (new series): Dire Warnings. Five discussions in which Professor John Durant examines the often controversial impact of scientific research on our lives
11.42 Profile: Sir John Templeton
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order: Patrick Hannan chairs the political quiz (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: The soprano Judith Howarth talks about her forthcoming Proms début on Friday; and a look at the oppression of women in Victorian England
3.00 News; Viva Cymcenna: William Ingram's farce about how the horizons of one Welsh man are radically changed when he wins a trip to Spain in a pub raffle (s)
3.47 Enquire Within, with Dilly Barlow
4.00 News
4.05 How to Make a Million: In the fifth of six programmes, Felicity Goodey meets Peter Summers, who was employed by British Steel to bring new jobs to the devastated steel making region of Shotton in north Wales
4.30 Kaleidoscope: At the Edinburgh Festival, Paul Allen reports live from the UK's largest arts venue (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: Geographical quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Age to Age: Graham Hoyland considers the days when the motor car was still a rich man's luxury (r)
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music: Antony Hopkins considers a wide variety of music, deriving his topics from forthcoming Promenade concerts (s)
8.45 Anonymous in Peckham, Slotting In in Houghton
● CHOICE: Their parishes are a world apart, both geographically and socially, but the two young clergymen in this short documentary, talking about work and faith to Martyn Wiley, are not so far apart in their aspirations and make an enormously resilient and cheerful pair. One parish is located in the fading remains of a Yorkshire coalfield, the other in a grubby part of south London. Excellent sensitive commentary by Wiley lifts this well above the usual run of religious debate. Kim Hitch and Stuart Hacking are vicar and curate-in-charge respectively of the London and Yorkshire parishes (s)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Growing Up with Grandma. *The Trip* is the third of five short stories by Hamish Whiteley
11.00 Selling the Porcupine: Heather Payton investigates Edward Hulton's obsession with the Flying Porcupine, a second world war Sunderland flying boat (s)
11.30 Ulysses, by James Joyce (11 of 15)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Nicky James (FM only) 6.00 Gary King 9.00 Bates's Mates. Pet Shop Boys 11.00 Radio 1 Roadshow from Falmouth 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies: Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes Into the Night 12.00-4.00am Andy Peebles (FM only) with Poppy Factory (r) and Mean Red Spiders in session

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 1991 Bunker Breakout from Lake Windermere 9.30 Bob Holness 11.00 Eve Pollard 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Sarah Kennedy 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 On the Air: Nostalgic radio quiz 7.30 Jim Macleod's Scottish Dance Party 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 9.30 Six Silver Strings: A variety of guitar music (2 of 7) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05m Jazz Parade 12.35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service. News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.00 News, Sport 8.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business, incl at 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Now Read On 1.00 News; Sport; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.20 Cricket Plus: NatWest semi-final cup ties

Resorts' beaches fail the test for viruses

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

BATHERS at some of Britain's most popular beaches are swimming in seawater heavily contaminated with viruses whose potential danger is ignored by government health and environment agencies, it was claimed yesterday.

Bexhill was the only one of 15 beaches tested by scientists working for *Holiday Which?* magazine that complied fully with an EC directive stating that no viruses should be present. Two beaches at Blackpool contained viruses on each of the ten test days, and sometimes had ten times the permitted levels of bacteria, according to next month's issue.

The survey attacks the environment department for ignoring the EC standards and for misleading swimmers that the seawater off resorts is clean and safe. "The government cannot pick and choose which parts of the EC directive they wish to follow, or release lists of beaches which they claim pass when in fact they fail," the magazine says.

The department admitted that it disregards EC seawater standards because they were "unrealistic". A spokesman said that compliance was "based on bacterial standards and not on virus content, mainly because it is impossible for any beach to guarantee that it will have a zero rating for viruses. They are introduced into the sea from a variety of uncontrollable sources, including bird droppings, and all member states are agreed that the present standards are unattainable."

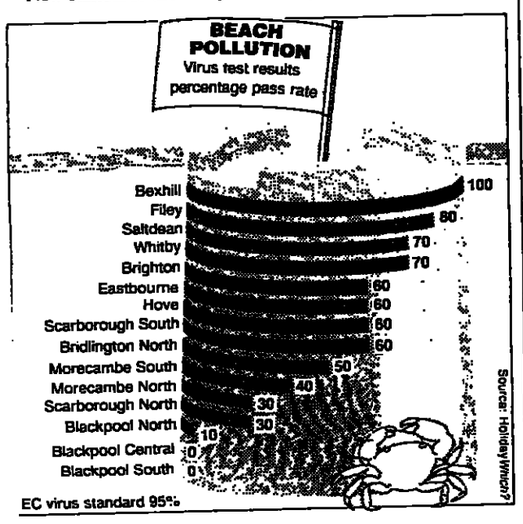
New standards are likely to be approved in the next 12 months after research into the effects of swallowing contaminated seawater.

But the Consumers' Association, which produces *Holiday Which?* said: "Fifteen years ago the UK signed an agreement in Europe committing it to ensuring that our bathing water met minimum standards and were not polluted with sewage. Yet this summer the water off some of Britain's best known beaches, like Brighton, Blackpool and Scarborough, is still polluted with the contents of human sewage."

ADRIAN BROOKS



Clean dip: Richard Hathaway, 15, Alexis Slade, 11, and Vicky Darling, 10, enjoy Bexhill beach yesterday, the only one proved virus-free



IRA tells 'petty crime' men to quit Ireland

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of intimidation in Newry. Military action would be taken against the six men, who include two brothers, if they had not left Ireland by noon on Saturday.

The threat follows reports that two members of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, were beaten up on Sunday by men with iron bars.

Kevin Cullen, the local priest who visited the families, said that he believed two of the young men had already left; he expected the others to follow. "The individuals concerned are very, very terrified, and feel a sense of helplessness that they can do nothing about the situation," he said.

The order is the latest such threat by the IRA. In December, it was reported that 79 people had been ordered out of Northern Ireland by paramilitary groups in the 14 months to September.

The IRA generally pick on those it accuses of "anti-social activities", including drunkenness, brawling, joyriding or petty theft. Victims have often already been subjected to punishment shootings, and sometimes, according to their families, the Provisionals go for the wrong people. In April, the IRA ordered a 19-year-old man from the republican New Lodge area of Belfast to leave or be killed. After the warning, he was found in a wheelbarrow, covered in paint and suffering head and rib injuries. His father said that Provisionals had accused his son of almost every crime in the area, including ones that took place while he was in jail.

Paramilitary justice thrives in mainly republican areas, in which police can follow up ordinary crime only at great risk of armed attack.

Yesterday, Mr Mallon said called on security forces to be more interventionist.

UN chief hopeful of Richter release soon

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individuals," but the banknotes were "part of a commercial contract. There is no question of the release of this commercial product until sanctions are lifted by the international community," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Neville Norton, aged 59, from Rochdale, Greater Manchester, a building contractor, kept in Saudi Arabia for 15 years without charge or trial, has arrived home. Since September 1975, he has been arrested 17 times and imprisoned for a total of five years for alleged bad debts, for which he always denied responsibility.

● **New York:** Britons held as "human shields" by Iraq after the invasion of Kuwait will be able to claim compensation under a special procedure made public by the United Nations yesterday (James Bone writes). They are among several groups of claimants who will be allowed to seek damages from the newly created UN Compensation Fund under expedited procedures. "For a great many persons these procedures would provide prompt compensation in full," the president of the fund's governing council said in a letter to the security council yesterday.

The money for compensation will come from Iraqi oil revenues, a percentage of which will be diverted into the compensation fund. The security council is expected to vote this week to allow Iraq to sell a $1.6 billion (£941 million) of oil over the next six months and 30 percent of the proceeds will go into the fund.

Other privileged claimants include people who were forced to leave the emirate because of the invasion or who decided not to return.

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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

THE intricacies of the system are revealed "as if she were disclosing the rules and workings of some cult, whose general purpose is known to millions but whose innermost secrets are understood only by the chosen few. And gradually, the system below assumes a personality of its own: loyal, hardworking, occasionally joyous, sinister, capricious and sometimes cruel."

The system is the London Underground, compared by the hero of Barbara Vine's new book to a magic silken carpet that could accommodate everyone who wanted to stand on it and which would take them all to the destination they chose. *King Solomon's Carpet* is reviewed on tomorrow's Books page by Marcel Berlins

Dutch treat is a home from home



Dr SAMUEL Johnson is said to have observed that if he knew that the end of the world was imminent he would take himself off to The Netherlands, for there everything happens ten minutes later. Millions of drivers streaming down Europe's motorways this summer would say that nothing has changed in the slow and deliberate pace of the Dutch.

Ever-growing numbers of Dutch caravans and camping trailers chug down the continent's arterial roads at a steady 50mph while everything from container lorries to Maseratis tries to find a way round them. Last year, a quarter of all campsite stops made by Europeans taking a holiday abroad were made by the Dutch. Judging by the numbers of distinctive yellow and black Dutch number plates on the Bordeaux-Paris motorway last weekend, that figure will rise even further this year. Dutch caravans easily outnumbered every other nationality except the French.

The caravan epidemic is the outward sign of a nation which takes holidays with a determination unequalled anywhere in Europe. The Dutch buy four times as many caravans as the French, and take more holidays abroad than almost any other country in the EC. They are outstripped only by the Luxemburgers, who do not really count since the country is so small that they cross their frontier almost as soon as they are out of the front door.

From towns like Bergen-op-Zoom, Middelburg and Gouda, the Dutch migrate towards the sun and the custom-built sites, filling rest-stops with state-of-the-art caravans and tanned, well-behaved children. On the *autoroute* to Paris, I saw one caravan with a satellite dish; thousands carry racks of mountain bikes at the back. The caravans which travel furthest seek safety in numbers. Mr Hugo van der Poel, who studies the peculiarities of Dutch holidaymaking at the university of Tilburg, says that he heard of a wagon train of 50 caravans going to Yugoslavia. Their owners had clubbed together to take a full-time mechanic on the journey.

Like the English, the Dutch are fond of the Dordogne and of Brittany. Unlike the English, they like the Pyrenees, where Mr Van der Poel says that half the caravans in the spring may well be Dutch. Dutch entrepreneurs now own and run campsites in popular locations across Europe's sunbelt.

The Dutch equivalent of the AA and the RAC run a search-and-rescue centre from Lyons every summer. Dutch law requires employers to pay generous holiday bonuses which drop into pay packets in May, triggering the annual exodus to the south. The English, stuffing their Sierras and Volvos with cornflakes and Lego, head to *gîtes*. The Germans (west Germans, that is) park their well-sprung BMWs and Mercedes outside hotels. The Dutch take their homes with them.

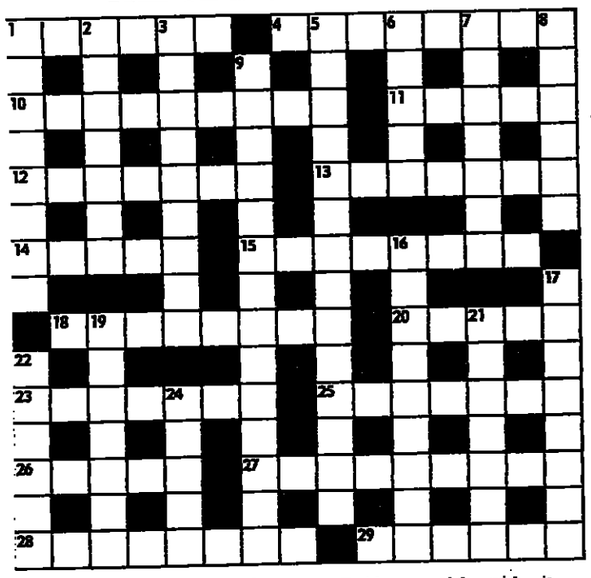
The Dutch passion for caravanning used to be explained as a wish to get value for money on holiday. But as The Netherlands has become one of Europe's most prosperous economies, deeper motives must drive the processions of neat, miniature homes which now dominate Europe's roads.

The Dutch have been hauling things energetically across Europe on wheels for centuries, but they have also always been a nation of nestmakers. A caravan satisfies both cravings. There is also hygiene. Since the seventeenth century, when the rest of Europe was pretty grimy, travellers have noted the Dutch preoccupation with keeping the house clean. The English traveller Thomas Nugent thought that the Dutch were "perfect slaves to cleanliness". Two hundred years later, Henry James devoted several ornate paragraphs to a description of a Dutch housewife cleaning her doorstep obsessively.

The spick and span Dutch caravans are the modern expression of the Dutch insistence on clean living. The caravan is cozy, independent — and clean.

GEORGE BROCK

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,684



ACROSS

1 A hard worker, this horse? (6).
4 Cattle being female moo all the time (8).
10 Soldier about to become governor (9).
11 Store-room empty? Lord! (5).
12 Struck by second with glove (7).
13 Shock when young actress at the end takes two steps back (7).
14 A bird of prey rejected endless seaweed (5).
15 Discard boat finally in Blackpool, say (3,5).
18 It's a useful feature of a sort, following the rules (8).
20 Get out and look round — it's free (3,2).
23 Runs flow, getting slip into bad habits (7).
25 Fashion model, with it — wouldn't do this dance? (3-4).
26 Able follower hanged by Pharaoh (5).
27 Would be compose a set of notes for a part-work? (9).
28 Refuse to take a long time with pole vaults (8).
29 A stone square in the wood to a god of old (6).

DOWN

1 Blind prophet is wearisome, as I found out (8).
2 Continuous rise in the number departing (7).
3 Share a bed (9).
5 Not down to take the food provided, generally (6,3,5).
6 Balance the books, erasing some lines (5).
7 Outdid staple product (7).
8 Cumulative risk for statesman (6).
9 Why logician won't accept chair? Of course! (6,2,6).
16 Time of Cleopatra's youth when she needed dressing? (5,4).
17 Novelist from Epping? (8).
19 Smooth pelt useful for cats and dogs (7).
21 Unimportant, but popular as a name among chemists (7).
22 Gave something to woman trying to sleep? (6).
24 A bluish colour, by itself (5).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SKOLION
a. A grammar school
b. A drinking song
c. An eared jar

CULLET
a. A Scots butcher's cut
b. A young female hare
c. Waste glass

PLATEASM
a. Broad pronunciation
b. A volcanic implosion
c. Sitting out a siege

CORCASS
a. Meeting of Soviet cadres
b. An Irish donkey
c. A salt-marsh

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England and Wales will be mainly dry with sunny periods. Southeastern counties may have patchy rain at first while mist and low cloud affecting southwestern coasts will move away during the day. Much of Scotland will stay dry with some sun but rain is likely over northern and northwestern parts. Northern Ireland will cloud over after a sunny morning. Outlook: rain spreading from North-West.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	f	Madrid	33	91	s
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	31	88	s	Malaga	27	81	s
Algiers	29	84	f	Malta	35	95	s
Amst'dm	18	64	f	Melb'rne	14	57	s
Athens	32	90	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bahrain	38	100	s	Milan	31	88	s
Bangkok	30	86	f	Montreal*	26	79	s
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	13	55	r
Barcelna	28	82	s	Munich	28	79	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Nairobi	18	64	c
Belgrade	28	79	c	Naples	32	90	s
Berlin	19	66	c	N Delhi	35	95	s
Bermuda*	32	90	f	N York*	27	81	s
Biarritz	29	84	s	Nice	27	81	s
Borde'x	30	86	s	Oslo	20	68	s
Brussels	22	72	f	Paris	24	75	s
Budapst	25	77	s	Peking	32	90	f
B Aires*	13	55	c	Perth	15	59	s
Cairo	36	97	s	Prague	22	72	r
Cape Tn	26	82	s	Reykjavik	12	54	r
Chicago*	27	81	s	Rhodes	29	84	s
Ch'church	9	48	c	Rio de J	23	73	s
Cologne	21	70	c	Riyadh	39	102	s
C'hagen	19	66	f	Rome	29	84	c
Corfu	33	91	s	Salzburg	25	77	s
Dublin	17	63	c	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	29	84	s	Santiago*	11	52	c
Faro	31	88	s	S Paulo*	18	81	c
Florence	32	90	s	Seoul	31	88	s
Frankfurt	23	73	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	25	77	s	Stkholm	19	66	s
Geneva	28	82	s	Strasb'rg	26	79	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	19	66	f	Tangier	33	91	s
Hong K	27	81	c	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Innsbruck	27	81	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Istanbul	31	88	s	Tokyo	25	77	c
Jeddah	36	97	s	Toronto*	28	79	f
Jo'burg*	14	57	s	Tunis	29	84	c
Karachi	31	88	f	Valencia	30	86	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	r
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Lisbon	28	91	s	Vienna	24	75	s
Locarno	29	84	s	Warsaw	20	68	f
London	22	72	s	Wash'ton*	28	84	f
L Angels*	22	72	r	Wel'nton	15	59	s
Luxembg	24	75	s	Zurich	26	79	f
Luxor	40	104	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.12
Austria Sch	21.85	20.15
Belgium Fr	63.15	59.15
Canada $	2.055	1.905
Denmark Kr	11.86	11.11
Finland Mkk	7.49	7.04
France Fr	10.36	9.71
Germany Dm	3.06	2.86
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	13.80	12.80
Ireland Pt	1.144	1.074
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	248.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.445	3.225
Norway Kr	12.01	11.21
Portugal Esc	262.00	244.00
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.90
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.17	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.87	2.60
Turkey Lira	6100.00	7300.00
USA $	1.79	1.685
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.5 hr.

UK TOWNS

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	8.9	.09	19	66	shower
Anglesey	3.8	-	17	63	bright
Belfast	4.8	.01	18	64	shower
Birmingham	11.1	-	21	70	sunny
Blackpool	3.1	-	17	63	bright
Bournemouth	10.9	-	22	72	sunny
Brighton	8.2	.02	20	68	sunny
Bristol	12.2	-	20	68	sunny
Cardiff	11.3	-	19	66	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Eastbourne	11.8	.01	21	70	sunny
Edinburgh	7.9	-	19	66	sunny
Eskdalemuir	3.0	.01	15	59	shower
Jersey	7.7	.01	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	6.0	.01	19	66	shower
Leeds	6.7	-	20	68	bright
Lerwick	8.3	.02	15	59	shower
Littlehampton	8.1	-	20	68	sunny
London	8.4	.03	23	73	sunny
Lowestoft	9.8	.02	22	72	sunny
Manchester	2.8	-	19	66	bright
Newquay	10.2	-	18	64	sunny
Nottingham	9.3	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	6.5	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	11.1	-	21	70	sunny
Scilly Isles	10.3	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	10.0	-	20	68	sunny
Stornoway	7.3	.05	16	61	shower
Teignmouth	11.2	-	22	72	sunny
Tenby	11.5	.01	18	64	sunny
Tiree	4.0	.02	16	61	shower
Torquay	10.4	-	22	72	sunny
Weymouth	10.7	-	21	70	sunny
Wick	6.4	.24	16	61	shower
Worthing	9.7	-	19	66	sunny

Monday's figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Sella Ness, Shetland, 0.31 in; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 13.3 hr

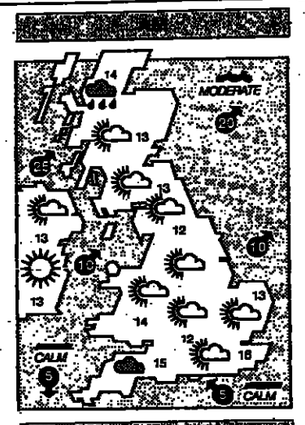
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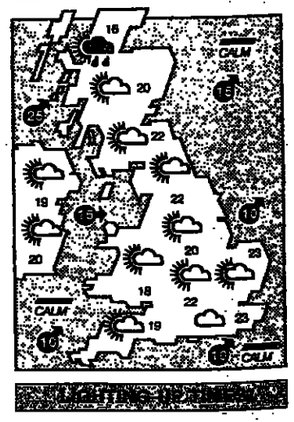
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TODAY



TOMORROW



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	f	Guernsey	18	64	f
B'rmgham	18	64	s	Inverness	17	63	r
Blackpool	18	64	s	Jersey	21	70	c
Bristol	20	68	f	London	22	72	s
Cardiff	19	66	c	M'chester	19	66	s
Edinburgh	18	64	f	Newcastle	20	68	f
Glasgow	18	61	c	R'nldsway	18	61	s

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 10.4 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.28 pm to 5.45 am
Bristol 8.36 pm to 5.55 am
Edinburgh 8.53 pm to 5.43 am
Manchester 8.41 pm to 5.47 am
Penzance 8.44 pm to 6.11 am

MOON

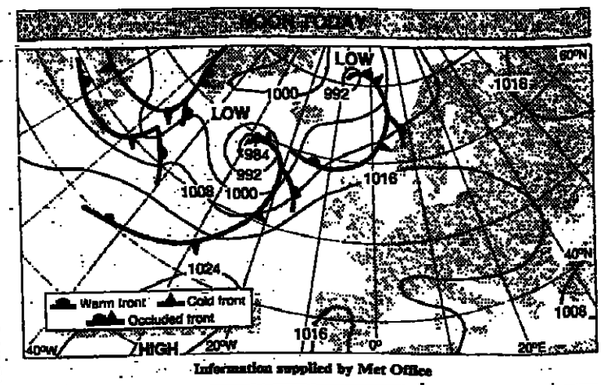
Sun rises: 5.44 am
Sun sets: 8.28 pm
Moon rises 11.35
Moon sets 9.36 pm
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TIDE TIMES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.28	7.4	5.41	7.3	Liverpool	2.37	9.7	2.56	9.2
Aberdeen	4.39	4.5	5.14	4.0	Lowestoft	1.01	2.3	12.58	2.7
Avonmouth	10.58	13.1	11.10	13.0	Margate	3.43	4.7	3.46	4.9
Belfast	2.26	3.7	2.59	3.2	Milford Haven	9.51	8.8	10.10	6.9
Cardiff	10.41	12.2	10.55	12.1	Newquay	8.43	6.9	9.08	6.9
Devonport	9.30	5.3	9.40	5.4	Oban	8.16	3.8	8.23	3.8
Dover	2.24	6.5	2.42	6.7	Penzance	8.35	5.4	8.46	5.5
Falmouth	9.00	5.1	9.10	5.2	Portland	10.40	2.1	10.80	2.2
Glasgow	4.04	5.3	4.38	4.7	Portsmouth	2.48	4.7	3.27	4.7
Harwich	3.22	4.1	3.33	4.2	Shoreham	2.37	6.2	3.08	6.3
Holyhead	1.36	5.8	2.08	5.8	Southampton	2.13	4.5	2.42	4.5
Hull	9.43	7.9	10.18	7.2	Swansea	8.58	9.3	10.15	9.03
Ilfracombe	9.42	9.1	9.58	9.1	Tees	7.10	5.6	7.42	5.2
King's Lynn	9.58	7.0	10.35	6.8	Wilton-on-Nze	3.15	4.3	3.25	4.4
Leith	6.09	5.7	6.37	5.4					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

NOON TODAY



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Business Editor
John Bell

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14 1991

Brokers ponder Burton cash call

UNDERWRITERS to Burton Group's £161 million one-for-one rights issue at 30p were last night unsure of how much they will need to take up of the retailers' cash call that closed at 3pm yesterday. A formal announcement of the level of acceptances is expected today after late post has been cleared. The City expects a 75 per cent subscription.

Burton shares yesterday closed at 39p, 1p up on the day. Last week, as the debate raged as to whether the rights issue was attractive or not, Burton shares and letters of allocation sank to 30p and ½p.

There has been an intense campaign to encourage Burton shareholders to take up their rights, though several shareholders said they would boycott the issue.

Burton's rights issue proved controversial because the placing document detailed recently agreed salary packages for several Burton executives. It also outlined a dismal short-term profits picture. Burton added there had been a pay freeze until September, 1992, for the board, senior and middle management and hourly and other junior employees.

De Beers slips

De Beers is paying an effectively unchanged interim dividend of 24.7 cents on a net attributable profit of $446 million (£263 million), against $517 million, and equity-accounted net profits of $586 million ($704 million) for the six months to end-June.

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Capel fined

James Capel, the broker, has been fined £20,000 by the Securities and Futures Authority for breaches of trade reporting rules. The breaches, during an 18-month period, were caused when Capel tried, but failed, to report several equity trades denominated in Japanese yen.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6940 (–0.0050)

German mark
2.9323 (+0.0024)

Exchange index
90.8 (same)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
2022.3 (+14.8)

FT-SE 100
2584.9 (+15.5)

New York Dow Jones
3028.40 (+27.06)*

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
22872.00 (–113.67)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Betterware	166½p (+8p)
Rentokil	349½p (+8p)
Liberty	627½p (+23p)
Courts Furnishers	291½p (+10p)
Morgan Crucible	254½p (+7p)
Reuters	836½p (+9p)
Gerrard National	296p (+19p)
Lloyds	372½p (+9p)
Grand Met	815p (+14p)
Hammerson 'A'	816p (+13p)
P Bilton	457½p (+18p)
Usher Walker	200p (+15p)
Bass	923½p (+7p)
Unidare	235p (+10p)
BBA	143½p (+8p)

FALLS:

Union Discount	282½p (–12p)
Expamet	151½p (–11p)
News Corp	425p (–8p)
API	120p (–10p)
Savoy Hotels 'A'	677½p (–7p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 10²⁹/₃₂-10⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 10²⁷/₃₂-10¹⁵/₃₂%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¹³/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.29-5.28%*
30-year bonds 99²⁸/₃₂-99¹⁸/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6940	£: $1.6937*
£: DM2.9323	$: DM1.7305*
£: SwFr2.5647	$: SwFr1.5145*
£: FFr9.9896	$: FFr5.8925*
£: Yen231.23	$: Yen136.48*
£: Index:90.8	$: Index:95.3
ECU £0.699795	SDR £0.790828
£: ECU1.428989	£: SDR1.264497

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $357.25 pm $356.80
close $356.60-357.10 (£210.50-211.00)
New York:
Comex $356.45-358.95*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ..... $19.45 bbl ($19.65)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 June (1987=100)

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Bullish retail message confirmed

Output figures suggest end of recession

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

THE sharp decline in Britain's economy appears to be over, according to official data.

Industrial production rose 3 per cent in June, largely as a result of a surge in North Sea oil activity, and manufacturing output performed better than expected, showing a 0.2 per cent gain in the month.

While government officials and private economists said it was too early to draw any conclusions about the timing or strength of an economic upturn, yesterday's statistics confirmed the bullish message of the strong retail sales figures published on Monday. Several private economists asserted that the bottom of the recession had finally been reached.

Treasury officials said they were more confident than ever about the Chancellor's forecast of a recovery in the second half of the year. One said: "The recession may be over already – if not, it will be over very soon." Privately, government officials were betting that positive growth in industrial production and gross domestic product would begin this quarter, assuring that this recession would prove shallower and shorter than that of 1980-81.

A Treasury spokesman said if the level of manufacturing output stabilised at the level reached in the last quarter, the total decline in manufacturing during this recession would be 6½ per cent; less than half as bad as the 15 per cent slump of ten years ago.

Even the Confederation of British Industry, which had been arguing only two weeks ago that the recession was still deepening with no recovery in sight, was cheered by the figures. Douglas McWilliams, the confederation's chief economist, said manufacturing production was close to bottoming out "in line with our interpretation of our own survey data."

However, Joyce Quin, the shadow trade and industry spokesman, said: "Manufacturing companies have found that demand and output have declined with no signs of recovery. The government should admit its responsibility for the present recession."

The details of yesterday's figures suggested reasons for caution. While manufacturing output improved in June, this gain followed two months of decline. In fact, upward blips of 0.2 per cent have occurred in manufacturing statistics every three months since last December, only to be followed by renewed falls.

A better trend was clearly observable in the latest figures, but government officials conceded that this trend showed slowdown in the economy's rate of decline.

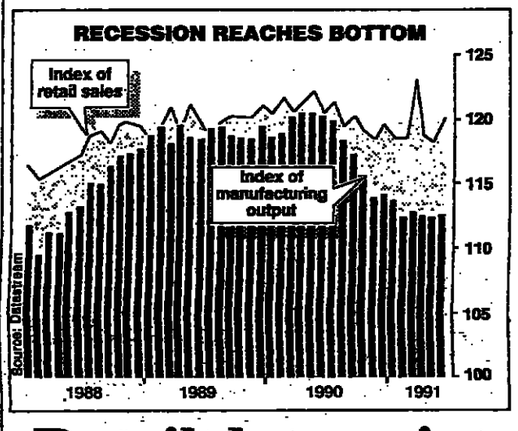
In the latest three months, manufacturing output fell 0.5 per against the three months before. This rate of decline was much smaller than the 1.3 per cent fall in the previous quarter and the 3.3 per cent drop in the last quarter of 1990, when the manufacturing recession was at its worst.

Another possible reason for caution is that the stronger than expected June figures may have reflected a temporary surge in business and consumer confidence after the spring reductions in interest rates and the end of the Gulf war. This improvement has since been reversed, according to more recent surveys.

The first indication of whether the apparent improvement in the economy has carried through to the summer will come on Thursday, with publication of employment figures for July.

The government also reported yesterday that the producer prices index rose 0.3 per cent in July, lifting the annual rate of wholesale inflation to 5.9 from 5.8 per cent. Excluding seasonal factors and the volatile food drink and tobacco components, the PPI increased by a disappointingly rapid 0.5 per cent. Year on year, the index was unchanged at 5.2 per cent.

RECESSION REACHES BOTTOM



Retail data point to US recovery

AN unexpectedly high rise in retail sales in July provided further evidence of a tentative recovery in America's economy. The rise of 0.5 per cent over the month compared with an increase of 0.1 per cent in June and market forecasts of 0.3 per cent. The figures helped the dollar to strengthen modestly.

Since the rise is in money sales, much of it is accounted for by inflation and the underlying increase remains slim. Some encouragement is, however, being drawn from a steady recovery in car sales, which have grown in three successive months for the first time in two years. The July increase in car sales reached 1 per cent after a 0.9 per cent rise in June. Excluding cars, retail sales rose 0.3 per cent.

Rising exports helped America's trade deficit with Japan shrink for the third month running, to $3 billion in July. However, Japan's overall monthly trade surplus again widened to $6.68 billion and there were increased surpluses in trade with the European Community and the rest of Asia.

Tokyo bails out 'fraud' bank

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

JAPAN'S financial establishment has rushed to the aid of Toyo Shinkin Bank, a relatively small Osaka credit union, after it admitted being involved in an alleged fraud involving £1.5 billion in false deposit certificates.

The alleged fraud is only the latest in a series involving leading Japanese banks that include the issue of false deposit certificates to their customers in order to help them obtain loans from other sources. A former official of the credit union and an Osaka restaurant owner who was one of its leading clients were arrested yesterday.

The scandals are contributing to the troubles of Japan's banks, which have been made worse by the fall in share and property prices and new international capital standards set by the Bank for International Settlements.

In its quarterly report, the BIS reveals that Japanese banks and their overseas affiliates, which had grown to dominate the international interbank market, cut their cross-border interbank lending by around $150 billion in the first quarter of this year. This led to an unprecedented fall of $85 billion in the market and a record $54 billion drop in the gross claims of international banks.

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Interbank market hit, page 21

Retailer reshapes with menswear sale



In hand: Geoffrey Maitland Smith hopes to mould a secure future for Sears

Sears set to sell Horne Brothers

By Matthew Bond

SEARS, the retail conglomerate, is to sell its loss-making Horne Brothers chain and is expected to close over 100 of its other menswear shops.

Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman, said the disposal of Hornes and the cutbacks at Fosters and Your Price could cost Sears £29 million in the current financial year.

"The menswear sector of retailing is currently experiencing very difficult trading conditions which are unlikely to improve in the short term. We are therefore taking the opportunity to restructure our menswear division," he said.

Horne Brothers, which Sears acquired in 1987 for £34 million, is to be sold to its management for a nominal sum. However, Sears has retained the ownership of a number of the more valuable freehold and long leasehold shops. Horne Brothers will pay Sears rent on these.

The buyout vehicle will be chaired by Murray Gordon, the former chairman of Combined English Stores, and will have David Niven as chief executive. Yesterday, Mr Niven was confident that the Hornes' losses could be stemmed. "Whilst times are difficult there are signs that trading in the menswear retail sector is starting to turn, indicating this to be a suitable time to acquire the business," he said. Sears retains an option to acquire up to 20 per cent of the buyout vehicle.

The disposal of Hornes' 45 branches leaves Sears with a menswear estate of around 425 units, of which over 300 trade as Foster and over 100 as Your Price. John Lovering, Sears' finance director, said a number of branches would be closed but that it was too early to comment on suggestions that as many as 120 stores would be shut with the loss of over 200 jobs.

However, Sears did confirm that the closure and subsequent redundancies could cost up to £10 million, in addition to the £19 million that would be lost through the disposal of Hornes. Sears shares dropped 15p to 79½p, on concern that the losses further threatened dividends.

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GA loss mounts to £101m

By Neil Bennett

GENERAL Accident, the Scottish insurer, plunged to a £101 million loss (£66 million loss) in the first half of the year due to heavy claims in Britain from arson and theft and credit guarantee policies.

Nelson Robertson, the chief general manager, described the results as highly unsatisfactory.

However, he added: "Despite the difficulties being experienced worldwide, the restoration of an acceptable level of profitability remains our major and urgent objective. The vigorous corrective action we have taken is beginning to prove effective."

Mr Robertson said the lack of signs of recovery in Britain's economy had forced GA to keep its interim dividend at 9.7p.

The group suffered an overall underwriting loss of £303 million, up from a £217 million shortfall in the first half last year. In Britain, where operations accounted for £178 million of the loss, GA suffered a sharp increase in recession-related fraud, including arson, while theft claims rose 50 per cent in the last year.

Mr Robertson said the group had increased motor and household premiums by more than a fifth in the past year, but warned customers that the rate rises will continue until the group recovers. "We will increase rates on a selective basis so we are hitting those that are causing the claims," he said.

GA is also undergoing a cost-cutting programme, and plans to reduce branch staff by 1,400, or a fifth, by next year.

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Names issue writs on John Poland

By Jonathan Prynn

A GROUP of 300 Lloyd's names, including Sir Fred Pontin, the holiday camps developer, Sir Leslie Porter, the former chairman of Tesco, and David Wrigglesworth, the CBI economist, have issued writs against John Poland, the Lloyd's managing agency, and 44 members' agencies.

The writs allege negligence, misrepresentation and breach of contract in connection with the losses of £40 million faced by names on syndicate 105/108 for the 1985 and 1986 years, which are still "open" and continuing to deteriorate. The losses were caused by "long tail" asbestosis and pollution claims from America. The Poland Names Association argues that names joining the 1985 and 1986 years of account were misled because they were told that the agency had eliminated its American long tail exposure.

John Poland said it had no comment to make.

Tom Benyon, the founder and chairman of the Society of Names, and a representative of the Poland Names Association, said that all 74 of the Lloyd's member agencies are now involved in litigation with clients. In total, £1.5 billion of losses are being contested at Lloyd's with an estimated £25 million being spent on legal costs.

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Pentland nets 20% of Adidas

By Wolfgang Münchau
European Business Correspondent

BERNARD Tapie, the French financier, socialist politician and football club owner, must have suffered another blow to his pride yesterday.

Earlier this year, M Tapie saw Olympique Marseille, his football club, lose the European Cup and now he has sold just over 20 per cent in Bernard Tapie Finance GmbH, the German holding company of Adidas, for DM134.5 million to Pentland, the British company best known for its now reduced stake in Reebok, one of Adidas's main rivals.

The deal is more significant than the percentage of the stake suggest. Pentland does not hide its ambitions to take over majority control, "if the circumstances arise". He reduced his 95 per cent in the BTF to repay debts to his French bankers, who financed most of the Adidas takeover.



Tapie: another blow

A first tranche of that loan was due this month, but following yesterday's deal M Tapie decided to repay FFr1.27 billion, leaving BTF with only marginal debt. Pentland, which has sold its 31.6 per cent stake in Reebok in a deal worth $616 million, will initially own 20.05 per cent of BTF, but that might rise to more than 25 per cent within five years. M Tapie will remain a majority shareholder, with 55 per cent of BTF, owned by Bernard Tapie Finance SA of France.

The remainder of BTF that is for sale will go to French institutional shareholders and the company's management.

M Tapie paid an estimated FFr2 billion for the highly leveraged takeover of Adidas, partially secured on Adidas's own credit lines. The deal, initially for an 80 per cent stake, was raised to 95 per cent later.

Frank Farrant, Pentland's finance director, said yesterday: "Adidas has superb brand names, some of the best sport stars under contract, and we perceive them to be in a turnround situation." In 1989, Adidas lost DM130 million, but last year, it returned a net profit of DM30 million, which Pentland hopes will continue to rise, particular if Adidas can repeat the performance of Reebok and Nike, which have margins of about 10 per cent. Mr Farrant said that only 20.05 per cent of Adidas had been on offer, but Pentland secured an option on a further 5 per cent, to be exercised between 1993 and 1996, at a cost of between DM48 million and DM96 million.

René Jäggi, the president of Adidas, said he looked forward to working with Stephen Rubin, the chairman of Pentland. He acknowledged Mr Rubin's "intimate knowledge of our industry".

Suntory boosts Lyons link

By MATTHEW BOND

SUNTORY, the Japanese drinks group, is to distribute J Lyons' tea brands in Australia, as its partnership with Allied-Lyons, parent company of J Lyons, develops further.

This partnership dates back to 1988, when the two companies cemented a co-operation agreement by taking cross-shareholdings.

Suntory took an initial 2.5 per cent stake in Allied-Lyons that was increased to almost 5 per cent last year. Allied-Lyons has 1 per cent of Suntory, which is privately owned.

The Australian tea agreement is the second specific arrangment between the two companies, the first having been a joint venture that enabled Hiram Walker's spirits brands to be distributed by Suntory in Japan, and Hiram Walker to distribute Suntory brands in America.

The J Lyons tea brands will be distributed by Cerebos Australia, part of the Cerebos Pacific food group that Suntory bought from Ranks Hovis McDougall last year.

David Jarvis, chairman of J Lyons, said: "We are delighted that the continuing development of the relationship between Suntory and Allied-Lyons, which has proved so successful in our respective wines and spirits businesses, has now been extended to include our food businesses for the first time."

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General Accident

INTERIM RESULTS

The results of the General Accident Group for the six months ended 30th June estimated and unaudited, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1990, which are restated at 31st December 1990 rates of exchange. Also shown are the actual results for the full year 1990, these do not comprise the statutory accounts for 1990 which have been audited without qualification and filed with the Registrar of Companies.
It must be emphasised that the results for an interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	6 Months to 30.6.91 Estimate £ millions	6 Months to 30.6.90 Estimate £ millions	1990 Year Actual £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	1,766.2	1,506.4	3,045.8
Long Term Business	241.1	199.9	413.5
	2,007.3	1,706.3	3,459.3
Investment Income	237.4	194.5	429.9
NZI Bank Result	0.6	(6.3)	(6.3)
Estate Agency Result	(8.4)	(10.3)	(23.3)
Underwriting –			
General Business Result	(302.9)	(217.0)	(461.7)
Long Term Business Profits	15.5	12.0	25.2
	(57.8)	(27.1)	(36.2)
Less Interest on Loans	43.7	39.5	85.1
Loss before Taxation	(101.5)	(66.6)	(121.3)
Taxation – U.K. and Overseas	(9.5)	(10.6)	(25.7)
Loss after Taxation	(92.0)	(56.0)	(95.6)
Minority Interests	0.2	(2.0)	(2.4)
Net loss attributable to Shareholders	(92.2)	(54.0)	(93.2)
Earnings per Share	(21.3p)	(12.6p)	(21.7p)
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	$1.62	$1.93	$1.93
Canada	$1.85	$2.24	$2.24

Notes
(1) Investment Income for the six months to 30th June 1990 excludes £5.2m representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the current accounting policy would have been credited to income.
(2) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on investments held for trading purposes.

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT

	6 months to 30.6.91 Premium Income £M	6 months to 30.6.91 Underwriting Result £M	6 months to 30.6.90 Premium Income £M	6 months to 30.6.90 Underwriting Result £M
U.K.	603.0	(178.4)	565.9	(94.5)
U.S.A.	555.2	(69.1)	416.8	(43.8)
Europe other than U.K.	96.5	(19.6)	95.7	(28.0)
Canada	224.4	0.4	174.8	(0.8)
Pacific	170.6	(19.1)	152.9	(23.9)
Other Overseas	55.5	(6.1)	41.7	(6.9)
London Market Business incl. Internal Reinsurance	61.0	(11.0)	58.6	(19.1)
	1,766.2	(302.9)	1,506.4	(217.0)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 17.3% and 22.1% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 6.5% and 8.7% respectively.
In the second quarter there was a worldwide underwriting loss of £131.4m (1990 £63.1m loss) with losses in the United Kingdom of £85.6m (1990 £14.3m loss) and in the United States of £26.4m (1990 £18.6m loss). Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £19.4m (1990 £30.2m loss). The pre-tax loss for the quarter amounted to £26.3m (1990 £14.9m profit).
For the six months net written premiums in the United Kingdom were £603.0m (1990 £565.9m). There was an underwriting loss of £178.4m (1990 £94.5m loss net of internal reinsurance). The Motor account produced a loss of £56.9m (1990 £25.6m loss) reflecting a continued increase in the frequency and cost of claims. The Homeowners' and Commercial Property accounts each of which reported losses of £31.9m which compared with losses of £20.2m and £36.4m respectively in 1990. Other classes incurred losses of £57.7m (1990 £12.3m loss) reflecting a significant deterioration in domestic mortgage and creditor business.
In the United States, net written premiums were $899.4m (1990 $804.5m) for the half-year and the operating ratio was 112.81% as compared with 110.22% for the same period last year, reflecting improved results from commercial lines more than offset by a deterioration in personal lines. Auto business performed better in the second quarter. On the United Kingdom basis, the underwriting loss for the half-year was £69.1m (1990 £43.8m loss).
Elsewhere there were aggregate underwriting losses of £55.4m (1990 £78.7m loss). Canada continued to perform well, with both General Accident and Pilot contributing to an excellent underwriting result. Improvements were also seen in Europe and the Pacific.
New annual premiums for Life business in the United Kingdom for the first six months were £25.3m (1990 £25.3m) while single premiums have risen substantially to £62.5m (1990 £20.6m).

Dividend
The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st December 1991 of 9.7p per share (1990 9.7p per share) costing £42.1m (1990 £42.0m) payable on or after 1st January 1992 to ordinary shareholders on the Register of Members at close of business on 25th October 1991.
The Directors propose to offer ordinary shareholders the opportunity to receive fully paid ordinary shares in the Company in lieu of the cash dividend.

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Tees steams ahead in trust port privatisation race

By ROSS TIEMAN
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TEES & Hartlepool Port Authority has beaten the Medway Port Authority in a race to become Britain's first trust port to seek private status under the 1991 Ports Act.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, has approved proposals from Tees, Britain's third biggest trust port, under which bidders will be invited to compete with a management and employee buyout to acquire the port assets.

Medway, the fourth largest port by tonnage, expects to gain consent for similar proposals this week or next. In Scotland, Clyde Port Authority is expected to unveil its plans to shed trust status next month, and the Forth Port Authority is believed to be working on a similar scheme.

The Port of London Authority, the busiest trust port, is taking steps to sell its Tilbury operation as a private company. But Dover has been told by Mr Rifkind it need not rush to convert because the uncertainties raised by the opening of the Channel tunnel in 1993 would make it hard to assess the port's prospects.

The 14 trust ports with annual revenue of more than £5 million will be obliged to convert themselves into private companies within two years unless they can convince the transport secretary they have good reasons not too. More than 100 smaller ports can convert if they chose to. The government will take half of the proceeds, the rest being put back into the new venture.

Neither Tees nor Medway will necessarily be bought by the highest bidder. Under the act, Tees can take into account competitive factors, retention of control locally and commitments to local investment of assets in assessing the bids.

The trustees will also pay regard to "the desirability of encouraging disposal to managers and staff of the whole or a substantial part of the equity share capital of the privatised undertaking". However, bids of about £100 million are expected for Tees, which in the year to December had revenues of £35.2 million and a pre-tax profit of £10.7 million.

The flexible approach agreed by the government stems in part from the unusual status of the ports, which were set up by individual acts of parliament to promote local trade and prosperity.

Both Tees and Clyde had sought private acts of parliament allowing them to become companies. Tees has more than £20 million of surplus cash, for which it wants the freedom to invest in distribution and development of its spare land.

Given the bias in favour of managers-staff groups, competitive bids may be few. Would-be predators might be best advised to wait until after privatisation, when managers may be saddled with large personal debts. However, John Hackney, chief executive of Tees, said he had received no approaches.

Closer personal links between executives of trust ports have developed in the run-up to privatisation. Many senior managers expect ports to group together after privatisation, arguing that otherwise smaller ports may be picked off by predators.



At the helm: Jack Hackney, who steered Tees & Hartlepool towards privatisation

Aberdeen secures Saltire

ABERDEEN Trust, a fund management and unit trust group, is to buy Saltire Insurance Investments, the Scottish investment trust, for £8.7 million in a recommended takeover bid.

Aberdeen, which has irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer from shareholders representing more than 50 per cent of Saltire's shares, is bidding 58p a share. The offer is 11 new Aberdeen Trust shares and 2p cash for every eight Saltire shares.

Saltire's net asset value fell from 70.1p to 60.8p a share during the year to end-March. Pre-tax profits were £138,370 (£439,220), but there is no dividend (0.99p).

Takare doubles

Takare, the nursing homes operator, made pre-tax profits of £2.99 million (£1.42 million) in the half year to end-June. Turnover surged to £12.4 million (£5.73 million). Earnings jumped 65 per cent to 4.3p a share, while the interim dividend is raised to 0.5p (0.35p).

WTH slides

Williamson Tea Holdings made trading profits of £6.48 million in the year to end-March (£6.76 million, nine months to end-March 1990). A final dividend of 15p makes 25p (25p, nine months) for the year.

Scapa expands

Scapa Group, the manufacturer of fabrics for papermaking that raised £55.6 million through a rights issue this year, is to spend $20 million on establishing a factory at Neenah, Wisconsin.

Aberfoyle delay

Aberfoyle Holdings is talking with various parties in southern Africa and Britain over the medium-term financing of its activities. Results for the year to end-December last, will therefore be delayed.

French buy

Sherwood Group, the Nottingham lace and lingerie business, is paying £300,000 for Lace Clipping, of Calais, France.

Manchester Ship profits rise 23%

By OUR CITY STAFF

MANCHESTER Ship Canal Company, now 68 per cent owned by Peel Holdings, the property company, reports a 23 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.8 million for the six months to end-June. Attributable profits were further swollen by a £1 million tax credit, generated by enterprise zone allowances. Although MSCC's last full-year results did see a return to the dividend list, as usual, there is no interim dividend.

Robert Hough, the chairman, said both the port and property divisions had produced a "most satisfactory" result in a difficult economic climate. MSCC's biggest property asset is a 300-acre site at Dumplington, Greater Manchester, where the company hopes to build a huge regional shopping centre. The Department of Environment favours such a proposal, according to Mr Hough, but wants the site given improved access from the M63 motorway, which would involve the company in an expensive road-widening scheme. The company has made further representations to the DoE.

Valuers have indicated that, if permission is granted, the increase in site value will be about £35 million. The Harbour Revision Order was finally put into effect. The HRO removed the statutory requirement to have a majority of directors elected from Manchester City Council. The subsequent repayment of the city council's £7 million of debentures has used up the company's cash deposits.

Kalon rises to £4m at half-time

By PHILIP PANGALOS

KALON Group, the West Yorkshire paint manufacturer, continued to buck the familiar trend in the building materials sector with a healthy advance in first half profits, thanks to increased market share and improved margins.

The company is the biggest independent paint manufacturer, with about 60 per cent of the British own-label decorative retail market, supplying customers that include B&Q and Texas. It unveiled pre-tax profits ahead by 50 per cent to £3.97 million in the six months to end-June. Turnover rose by 12.5 per cent to £48.2 million.

Kalon, which has 65 trade centres supplying smaller contractors and decorators with its Leyland brand and sundries, is ungeared, with cash of about £1.1 million at the interim stage. This is expected to increase to about £8 million by the year end.

Earnings per share climbed to 2.3p (1.57p). The interim dividend is raised to 0.7p (0.5p). Kalon said it expects "further success in the second half". Philip Morrish, at Smith New Court, is looking for a "comfortable" £7.4 million taxable profits for the full year. The shares added 3½p to 68½p.

Seeboard goes in-house

SEEBOARD, the regional electricity company for the south east of England, is setting up an in-house insurance company to underwrite some of the company's group insurance policies (Jonathan Prynn writes).

The "captive" company will initially only provide cover for certain technical exposures that cannot be effectively provided by the insurance market.

However, it may later be extended to provide guarantees and insurance policies for electrical products sold through Seeboard retail outlets. The insurance subsidiary will begin underwriting in September 1991.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Expamet warning after profit slumps

EXPAMET International has given warning that the second half recovery anticipated at the time of a £21 million rights issue in April, has failed to materialise. The building products group, which also has interests in security and industrial products, reported a fall in taxable profits from £6.3 million to £2 million for the six months to end June.

Earnings fell from 8.98p a share, adjusted after the one-for-three rights issue, to 2.75p, although the interim dividend is held at 4.18p. The shares fell 11p to 152p, compared with the rights issue price of 135p.

Armitage at the double

ARMITAGE Brothers, the pet products group, has lifted its final dividend to 3.2p (2.8p), making a total of 5.7p (5.2p). Pre-tax profits for the year to June 1 doubled to £708,000 (£353,000). Earnings per share surged to 14.2p (6.1p). Operating profits advanced 24 per cent to £1.06 million (£857,000). The shares rose 2p to 113p.

Income falls at Ranger

RANGER Oil, the Canadian energy producer with North Sea interests, reported net income down to US$8.1 million ($19.4 million) for the first half of 1991. Earnings were 8 cents (22 cents) a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 8 cents (6 cents) a share. In the second quarter, net income fell to $3.41 million ($11.75 million).

Pacer moves ahead

PACER Systems Inc, the American electronics group quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, increased pre-tax earnings from $624,000 to $645,000 in the six months to end-June, while turnover, most of which is derived from American government defence contracts, grew by 14 per cent to $14 million from $13.1 million.

Earnings per share were static at 7 cents. The interim dividend is maintained at 3 cents. Cash on hand has been cut to $2 million from $3.2 million a year earlier.

AAF rises to £2.2m

AAF Investment Corporation, the South African industrial group, lifted pre-tax profits from £2.01 million to £2.22 million on turnover of £31.12 million (£15.1 million) in the first half of 1991. Earnings rose from 10.9p a share to 11.4p, and interim dividend to 4.5p (4p) but the special cash deposits payout halved to 0.5p.

No interim at Forwell

FORWELL Group, the USM interior design and building company, has passed its interim dividend (0.375p) despite a return to the black in the first half of this year. Pre-tax profits were £24,000 (£324,000 loss). Michael Wheller, the chairman, said that the results, "while encouraging, are still not acceptable".

Classical releases hit the right note

PolyGram advances 24%

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

POLYGRAM, the world's largest record company outside America, increased net income 24.6 per cent to 147 million guilders (£44.7 million) in the first six months of the year.

The success of the company, which is 80 per cent owned by Philips, the electronics combine from The Netherlands, depends largely on new music releases, and is, therefore, related to the positions of its artists in the pop and classical charts.

In the first six months, PolyGram's American operations were close to breaking even, mostly because of strong performance of A&M, the record company that PolyGram bought in 1989. Of A&M's artists, Sting reached number two in the album charts in America, and Amy Grant and Extreme have sold more than 1 million albums each.



Pavarotti: selling well

PolyGram is also well know for its involvement with classical music and its contract with Luciano Pavarotti. The Complete Mozart Edition, launched last year ahead of the 200th anniversary of the composer's death, sold particularly well. The compact disc edition has had 3.5 million sales to date.

In May, PolyGram announced its participation in the London Independent Broadcasting consortium, which has been formed to bid for the London Weekend Television franchise.

Since the end of the first half, PolyGram has bought two of Philips' compact disc companies in Germany and France for $100 million. PolyGram is also working with Philips on the launch of digital compact cassettes, believed to be the next generation of music cassettes.

Last week, PolyGram bought a 30 per cent stake in the Really Useful Holdings, Andrew Lloyd Webber's West End theatre production company, for £78 million.

Net sales during the first six months were up 24.5 per cent to Fl2.71 billion. Net income per share rose from Fl0.69 to Fl0.86.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,021	Cadbury	760	Lonrho	1,096	Royal Bank	2,858
Allid-Lyons	2,880	CU	148	Lucas	2,662	Royal Ins	1,557
Anglian	720	Courtaulds	1,820	M&S	2,602	Salisbury	2,295
ASDA	10,805	Enterprise	31	Maxwell Cm	46	Scot & N	824
AB Foods	23	Eurotunnel	74	MEPC	618	Scot Power	1,780
Argyll	3,541	Fisons	2,147	Midland	576	Sears	2,859
Arjo Wigg	490	Forte	2,767	Nat Power	1,902	Severn Trnt	3,343
BAA	1,600	Gen Acc	2,053	Nat West	2,285	Shell	2,498
BET	3,815	GEC	6,531	N W Water	2,254	Smith & N	2,790
BTR	1,413	Glaxo	2,680	P&O	901	SK Beech	910
BAT	1,388	Grand Met	2,181	Pearson	337	Sun Allince	2,142
Barclays	2,772	GUS 'A'	379	Pilkington	1,894	Tarmac	947
Bass	721	GRE	1,854	PowerGen	2,883	Tate Lyle	780
BICC	388	Guinness	2,052	Prudential	1,657	TSB	2,386
Bk Scotind	1,410	Hanson	11,767	Racal	3,524	Tesco	4,215
Blue Circle	1,911	Hawker	298	Rank	1,439	Thames Wtr	2,047
BOC	330	Hillsdown	504	RMC	217	Thorn EMI	1,404
Boots	1,544	ICI	641	Redland	869	Trafalgar	3,672
Br Aero	409	Inchcape	2,088	nd	839	Ultramar	555
Br Airways	2,314	Kingfisher	785	wkshl	85	Unilever	2,107
Br Gas	4,228	Lasmo	787	Reuters	852	United Bis	1,298
Br Petrol	3,271	Ladbroke	740	RMC Gp	869	Wellcome	167
Br Steel	563	Land Sec	278	RTZ	391	Whitbrd	842
Br Telecm	1,764	LEG	1,560	R-Royce	1,236	Williams	1,012
C&W	1,112	Lloyds	853	Rothmans 'B'	82	Wills Cor	1,168

Classic signs of early recovery

COMMENT

One month's figures may not make a trend, but the swallows of economic summer are starting to fly thick and fast. On its own, the 0.2 per cent increase in manufacturing production reported for June would be nothing to get excited about. But combining this with the very strong retail sales figures reported on Monday and the clear signs of stabilisation reported in the CBI surveys, which the confederation's own spokesmen appear to have misinterpreted, a clear picture does emerge. Whether that picture is as rosy as the Chancellor and the City believe is another matter.

There are three main elements in the picture. By the late spring the economy had clearly bottomed out and was even beginning to recover. The recovery was strongest in some of the most cyclical businesses, including retail sales of household goods and, according to yesterday's output figures, in even more surprising sectors like metals manufacturing and building materials. Manufacturers were also benefiting, according to the trade figures released three weeks ago, from a surge in exports, especially of cars. In all these respects this seems to be a classic pattern for the early stages of an economic recovery. Why then the uncertainty which even the Treasury feels about calling the turn?

One reason may be that an ominous shadow hangs over each of the positive forces behind the spring recovery. Taking the last point first, the export surge in June was probably an aberration and if the motor manufacturers in particular are to be trusted, exports to Europe in the second half of the year will be very much weaker than in the first. This conclusion is also suggested by the weakening economic trends in Germany and France – and a rise in German interest rates is not going to help.

As for the unexpected strength of the cyclical manufacturing industries, it is simply impossible to extrapolate any trends from yesterday's figures. Metals manufacturing jumped by 2.7 per cent between May and June, while output of "other minerals and products" increased by 0.9 per cent. These two sectors actually accounted for the whole of the gain in manufacturing in the month. But these gains may not be reliable.

Finally, there are some accidents of timing. The June surge in household goods sales must have owed something to the pick-up in the housing market observed by the building societies in March and April. The same is probably true of the unexpected increase in building materials output reported in yesterday's manufacturing figures. But the improvement in the housing market has since been reversed. Another factor confusing the timing of recovery was the increase in excise duties and VAT. This clearly reduced sales in April and possibly in May, exaggerating the June advance.

The main question now is whether the improvement in confidence and activity which clearly occurred in the spring has been sustained through the summer. The July figures to be published in the next week or so will offer the first crucial hints.

Sale time

Now is not the time to be in menswear. Top or bottom of the market appears to make no difference. There is just no escaping the fact that in the depths of recession the decision to buy new clothes is one that the average mortgage-paying, debt laden and possible redundant male can postpone indefinitely.

Sears yesterday bit half the bullet by confirming that it planned to sell Horne Brothers to its management and to close around one-quarter of its remaining 425 menswear outlets. David Carter-Johnson, who was appointed managing director of the menswear businesses in March, could have been forgiven for recommending a complete withdrawal given the bleak picture that his review of operations must have unearthed. But to foresake an entire sex would presumably have been a step too far for a retailer with the high street presence of Sears.

David Niven, chief executive of the newly bought out Horne Brothers, is confident that the sharply dressed customer of the Eighties will eventually return, presumably after he has finally paid off the credit card bill run up in the last retail boom. Given enough time, his confidence looks well placed.

But whether Sears, now firmly anchored to the bottom of the market through its Fosters and Your Price chains, can look to the future with such confidence is uncertain. For if the economy recovers, even a modest move up-market by consumers once again enjoying a feeling of affluence could leave Sears a little short of customers. Certainly, the upside of Foster and Your Price is not as apparent as it is at Hornes.

The sale of Hornes finally stems losses of around £10 million a year, while the £10 million Sears is spending on rationalising its remaining outlets will be recouped within two years, by which time Sears management hopes menswear will have returned to profit. But there is no saving this year when, even without Hornes, the other businesses are expected to clock up losses of over £5 million, contributing to an anticipated 25 per cent decline in pre-tax and pre-exceptional profits. Having warned in May of tough times ahead, Mr Maitland Smith now needs to be more convincing about the prospects for longer term recovery.

Japanese close ranks to avoid banking failures

In the light of yet another bank scandal, Joanna Pitman looks at Japan's discreet code of financial support



Okami-san: Nui Onoue arrives at the prosecutor's office

THE cosy relationship between the Bank of Japan, the Japanese finance ministry and their banking and broking constituents has been highlighted again by the discovery that the two financial authorities were prepared to pull out all the stops to arrange financial support for Toyo Shinkin Bank, a small, Osaka-based credit association that has become involved in an alleged financial fraud.

Prosecutors yesterday arrested Tomomi Maekawa, a former Osaka branch manager of Toyo Shinkin Bank, and his alleged accomplice, a restaurant owner, on suspicion of forging official documents and issuing false deposit receipts to use as collateral for obtaining loans worth Y342 billion (£1.5 billion) from nonbank lending institutions such as leasing companies.

This is the latest example of sharp practices that appear to have been studiously ignored by the financial authorities in the bull markets of the late Eighties, and are only being exposed now the bear is beginning to maul Japan's markets of the Nineties. The Toyo Shinkin scheme is believed to have been hatched in order to provide clients with loans from finance companies when the bank itself was unable to lend sufficient money.

Toyo Shinkin ranks 56th among Japan's 446 credit unions and had only Y360 billion in total deposits as of March 31 this year. In order to cushion the bank from the damage and avoid what would otherwise be inevitable bankruptcy, the Bank of Japan's Osaka branch is preparing to funnel tens of billions of yen to Toyo Shinkin despite its alleged involvement in a massive fraud. Akira Nambara, chief representative of the central bank's Osaka branch said yesterday that the Bank of Japan would take appropriate measures to prevent Toyo Shinkin Bank from "suffering fund shortages".

Both the finance ministry and the central bank said they had appealed urgently to other banks including the Industrial Bank of Japan (IBJ), the Zenshinren Bank (the central cooperative bank for credit associations) and Sanwa Bank to provide funds for the ailing Toyo Shinkin Bank. Such "appeals" from Japan's financial authorities should more accurately be interpreted as orders. All three institutions jumped in response and have arranged supporting credit lines for Toyo Shinkin.

They are proud of the fact that there have been no failures since 1942

Japan's financial authorities pride themselves on the fact that they have seen no bank failures since 1942. "In America these days 200 banks collapse every year. In Japan we have been regulating and we have been efficient in our own way," Tadao Chino, the newly appointed vice minister for international affairs and Japan's top financial policy maker, said recently.

These regulatory methods, which are known as "administrative guidance" and which are typically informal, unwritten and notoriously ambiguous, have come under scrutiny since the the stock trading loss compensation scandal which has rocked Japan's financial markets since mid-July and which, at the latest count, has involved improper payments, worth Y172 billion, by brokers to favoured clients.

While Mr Chino believes that the Japanese authorities' guidance has been successful, he does admit that more transparency should be introduced. "There are some shady happenings now and we need to do something about that," he said.

Despite Bank of Japan claims that there is no such thing as intensive care treatment for ailing financial institutions, the Toyo Shinkin case is typical of the authorities' approach to a rescue. The three banks asked to intervene with a credit line will probably notch up brownie points with the authorities and claim their reward in the future in some form of special treatment.

According to Tokyo newspapers, Toyo Shinkin's Mr Maekawa, who was arrested yesterday, perpetuated the alleged fraud with Nui Onoue, the restaurant proprietor, who is the top ranking investor on IBJ's high net worth individual client list. She runs Egawa, a smart establishment in Osaka frequented by the city's financial elite.

One newspaper reported yesterday that the 61-year-old "okami-san" (a high-class, kimono-clad restaurant hostess) has Y292 billion worth of bank deposits and Y107 billion worth of equity investments and makes her investments in Y100 million denominations, according to the research of a leading city bank. Ms Onoue's alleged involvement in the loan scam became necessary, according to Japanese financial analysts, when the value of her portfolio collapsed with the dwindling levels of the Tokyo stock market.

Last month, three Japanese city banks, including Fuji Bank, admitted that they had been involved in similar fraudulent loan deals. Fuji Bank's fraud scheme which involved three former bank officials, ran to Y260 billion. Kenichi Suematsu, chairman of Japan's federation of bankers associations, responding to yesterday's newest and largest bank fraud of this sort, said that his organisation would carry out a thorough investigation into the banks' fraudulent loan schemes.

The scandals have put pressure on the finance ministry to tighten its regulations and put an end to its close personnel ties with the institutions under its jurisdiction.

But judged on the basis of yesterday's concerted bank rescue, the interdependency between Japan's financial authorities and their constituents, which was perhaps seen most graphically in 1987 when the finance ministry's coordinated control of its brokerages allowed the Tokyo Stock Exchange to weather Black Monday with barely a scratch, is clearly still in place. In Japan, the finance ministry and the Bank of Japan remain the lenders of last resort.

New BIS ratios hit interbank market

THE balance of power within the international banking system is in the throes of another big change as fears grow over creditworthiness, and the new international capital/asset ratios, set by the Bank for International Settlements, bite in Japan. During the first quarter of this year, the international interbank market shrank by an unprecedented $80 billion.

The BIS calculates, in its quarterly survey, that this led to a $54 billion drop in the gross international claims of BIS reporting banks in the first three months of 1991, the biggest ever recorded. Net of redeposits, international lending rose $55 billion, down from an average $108 billion in the four previous quarters and there was a drop in lending to developing countries.

The Gulf conflict produced uncertainty early in this period but the survey points to other causes for the contraction. Japanese banks were pulling in their horns to comply with the new rules, made harder by the fall in asset values in Japan. There were also heightened doubts in the market over the safety of money placed with some banks, notably in America, long before BCCI's closure.

The total international assets of banks in Japan fell $36 billion, and their liabilities by $50 billion, in the last quarter of their financial year, when lending usually rises. Their international interbank lending dropped by $76 billion.

This understates the retreat of dominant Japanese banks, since the greater impact was on their offshoots abroad. Interbank lending by Japanese-owned banks fell by $142 billion and even this does not include cuts by offshoots in Hong Kong and Singapore. External claims of all banks in Asian offshore centres fell by a net $31 billion.

The troubles of American banks, which reduced confidence in them before recent mergers, also led to a $21 billion drop in lending to American banks from countries other than Japan.

Europe, however, bucked the declining trend. Growth in cross-border interbank lending within Europe accelerated from $23 billion in the fourth quarter of 1990 to $31 billion in the first quarter, with growth concentrated in European currencies.

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TEMPUS

General Accident losses offer a glimmer of hope

THE City usually reacts to news of a £101 million loss with undisguised revulsion, so the enthusiasm with which General Accident's interim figures were received appeared distinctly odd.

For two years the stock market has been searching for signs that the cyclical decline in the insurance market has ended. GA provided them.

The headline figures, however, looked grim. Losses rose from £66.6 million last time while the underwriting deficit was £303 million, compared with £217 million. A lack of confidence about the future forced the board to hold the dividend unchanged at 9.7p.

There are signs that the group is turning the corner. In Britain, GA has pushed through an impressive list of premium increases. Personal motor rates have increased 23 per cent in the past year, and household contents are up 22 per cent. A further 9 per cent rise in motor and some household structure premiums are due in September.

Despite the rises, GA's premium income in Britain rose only 6.5 per cent in the half year, showing the group is fulfilling its promise to sacrifice market share to cut losses.

In the meantime, recession-related claims are rising sharply. Mortgage and creditor guarantee policies incurred a £40 million underwriting loss alone, while theft claims have risen by half. GA is reducing its creditor guarantee business, but on the whole can only wait for the recession to end.

Costs are also under scrutiny, and GA expects to cut staff by a fifth by next year.

All these changes have come too late to improve this year's outturn. Losses should rise to a record £150 million. But GA is financially strong and can withstand the shortfall and even offer a modest increase in the dividend to 27.5p. This puts the shares on a 6.6 per cent yield. Reasonable, assuming the action taken will allow the group to scrape back into profit in 1992.



Mine host: De Beers' Julian Ogilvie Thompson

De Beers

DE BEERS might think it *infra dig* to be classed as "another mining company", but within the sector De Beers has performed better than most in the six months to end-June, with attributable net profits down only 13.7 per cent.

The profit at $446 million ($517 million) and equity accounted profit at $586 million ($704 million) were clearly signalled by lower CSO diamond sales, announced in July, and by the lower dividends declared by many companies in which De Beers is invested.

De Beers' interim dividend is effectively held at 24.7 cents (24.8 cents), covered 1.35 times by investment income of $127 million ($138 million).

The growing London fashion of an interim balance sheet, and some half-time colour from chairman Julian Ogilvie Thompson, would be welcomed by followers of De Beers, who are merely told that cash balances are lower.

The margin on the diamond account, though, was maintained at 19.8 per cent, and is likely to edge higher in the second half. Delayed receipts of $100 million from earlier rough diamond sales have now been received. Meanwhile, interest on the $1 billion loan to Russia continues to be received regularly.

The outlook for diamonds in general, and for De Beers in particular, is still governed by the health of world economies – still patchy in various De Beers' markets – and a 1991 profits dip is not unexpected.

The shares have risen from $16 last December to yesterday's $28, but the investment message, even on a prospective rating of between 11.4 and 13 times, backed by a 4 per cent yield, is hold. There are few flaws here.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

'Snowman' joins Hunt

CONTRARY to speculation that he was set to join either Panmure Gordon or Williams de Broë, Geoff Bowman "the Snowman" is now happily ensconced at Peel Hunt, the investment boutique formed two years ago by old Etonians Charlie Peel and Christopher Holdsworth-Hunt. Joining him soon is Peter Jones, former head of research at Messel & Co, where Bowman spent 20 years. Bowman says: "He is coming to build up our research face." Bowman spent five years at Lehman Brothers after it bought Messel in April 1985 and was a director of Schroder Securities until April. He is now using his web of City contacts to win new business for the firm. Jones, until recently stores and food retailing analyst at Schroder, joins in September.

Food substitute

CITY gents keen to escape the endless round of starchy lunches are, it seems, heading for the Midlands. Cashing in on the go-karting craze that is sweeping the Square Mile, Northampton International Raceway has launched a package that promises stock car racing as well as karting for bored – or merely overlunched – company employees. Bankers, solicitors and even accountants have been signing up.

Life of leisure

AFTER 15 years at the same firm, anyone would deserve a break. Tony Kay, former specialist salesman on the insurance desk at James Capel, who left the firm two weeks ago in a blaze of publicity, is no exception. In keeping with his youthful image, Kay, who built Capel's insurance team from scratch, promptly left on an energetic tour of Germany and Italy. He is back in Britain briefly and chatting to contacts in the Square Mile, but leaves for the Edinburgh Festival next week to continue his spell of leisure. Allan Nichols and Alan Richards, Capel's insurance analysts, and Keith Hutchins, dealer, are still looking for a replacement.

CITY wags are still chuckling over a reference on the Oracle news service this week to "Anglican" water. Sounds like divine retribution.

Maxwell mix-up

EVEN Robert Maxwell, as canny a corporate juggler as one is likely to find, seems to be having difficulty keeping track of his business empire. Panic swept the communications department of Maxwell House yesterday after a press release was sent out under the wrong letterhead. Staff rushed out a replacement, pointing out that the earlier version had been issued under the Mirror Group Newspapers label instead of in the name of Robert Maxwell Group. To add to the confusion, few City scribblers have even heard of Robert Maxwell Group.

Maddening error

LAUGHTER rippled through the Solihull headquarters of National Home Loans, the central lender, after a report in *The Birmingham Post* yesterday that Richard Lacy, the former chief executive, was trying to buy back parts of the business. NHL's share price has slumped from 118p on July 1 to 25p on the withdrawal of deposits by local authorities after the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. This is far from funny, but the newspaper had mistakenly printed a photograph of Professor Richard Lacey, a government adviser on BSE, known as mad cow disease.

Lively Lee

ANYONE who assumes that librarians, like accountants and actuaries, naturally lead dull and boring lives should think again. Sharon Lee, lively and popular librarian in the research department of Smith New Court, disproves the myth. Lee, who is appreciated on the dealing floor for her dry sense of humour, was dining at the Chinese Embassy last week when police officers burst in and demanded to speak to her. She had, it seems, parked her battered ten-year-old Fiat outside, and the police, suspecting a bomb, had moved in. Luckily, embassy officials intervened and Lee was left to continue her meal in peace.

JON ASHWORTH

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SIEMENS

Information for Siemens shareholders

Solid expansion for Siemens

Siemens' business volume expanded strongly during the period under review, due mainly to numerous large orders and the inclusion of newly acquired companies. New orders rose 20 percent, with the major proportion of the growth being accounted for by German domestic business. During the last three months, international orders also picked up. Newly consolidated companies accounted for 8 percent of the growth in orders. Worldwide sales increased 12 percent and net income after taxes 7 percent.

New orders

Siemens (Siemens AG and its consolidated companies) booked new orders of DM61.3 (previous year: DM51.0) billion during the period under review (1 October 1990 to 30 June 1991), an increase of 20 percent. Of this total, 8 percentage points were due to newly consolidated companies, mainly Siemens Nixdorf Informationssysteme AG (SNI) and the activities acquired from Plessey. Growth in Germany was strong (31 percent), due both to newly acquired businesses and, above all, to orders from the new German states (DM2.4 billion). Despite having a lower growth rate than in prior years, international business still expanded by 13 percent on a year-to-year comparison. Large-scale orders stimulated above-average growth for the Transportation (39 percent), Public Communication Networks (33 percent) and Power Engineering (27 percent) Groups. By contrast, business in standard products was weaker. Despite a depressed climate in the computer sector, SNI recorded orders of DM9.0 billion, 4 percent more than a year earlier.

DM billion	1/10/89 to 30/6/90	1/10/90 to 30/6/91	Change
New orders	51.0	61.3	+ 20%
German business	20.8	27.2	+ 31%
International business	30.2	34.1	+ 13%

Sales

Sales rose 12 percent from DM45.3 to DM51.0 billion, with German and international operations contributing equal shares of this growth. Due to the traditionally long lead times in the systems business, the high level of new orders booked this year will not be immediately reflected in the sales volume. Developments varied very strongly among the operating groups. While sales of Semiconductors and Automation Systems stagnated and Automotive Systems, Drives and Standard Products recorded only marginal growth rates, sales of the Transportation Systems, Industrial and Building Systems, and Public Communication Networks Groups increased by over 20 percent each. At SNI, nine-month sales trailed behind new orders, despite satisfactory third quarter figures.

DM billion	1/10/89 to 30/6/90	1/10/90 to 30/6/91	Change
Sales	45.3	51.0	+ 12%
German business	20.2	22.8	+ 13%
International business	25.1	28.2	+ 12%

Employees

The number of employees at 30 June 1991 was just under 407,000, or 9 percent more than at 30 September 1990. This growth resulted primarily from the inclusion of newly acquired companies. Other factors had only a marginal effect on employment levels. Reductions in the workforce and some short-time work was necessary in a few areas which were affected by recessionary trends.
Personnel costs rose 15 percent to DM22.9 billion.

in thousands	30/9/90	30/6/91	Change
Employees	373	407	+ 9%
German operations	230	246	+ 7%
International operations	143	161	+ 13%

DM billion	1/10/89 to 30/6/90	1/10/90 to 30/6/91	Change
Personnel costs	19.8	22.9	+ 15%

Capital spending and net income

Capital spending was down by one-third on the comparable year-to-year period, decreasing from DM5.3 billion to DM3.6 billion. This reduction was due exclusively to the lower amount spent on acquisitions. Capital expenditures on fixed assets rose slightly.
Net income after taxes increased 7 percent, from DM1,136 million to DM1,214 million.

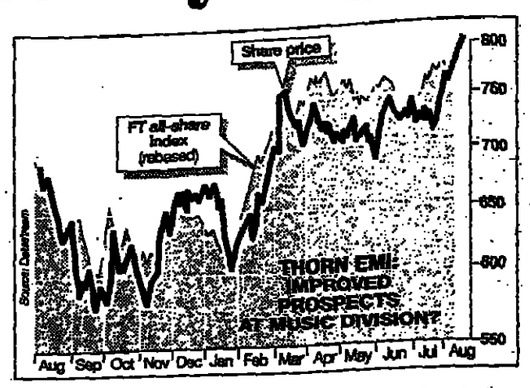
	1/10/89 to 30/6/90	1/10/90 to 30/6/91	Change
Capital expenditure and investments DM billion	5.3	3.6	- 33%
Net income after taxes DM million	1,136	1,214	+ 7%

unaudited accounts

Siemens AG, Berlin and Munich

STOCK MARKET

Shares heartened by recovery hopes



FURTHER evidence that the economy may be back on the recovery path cheered the City and enabled share prices to score some useful gains. An apparent improvement in industrial output provided the basis for another burst of selective buying.

An early, 22-point rise on Wall Street enabled the FT-SE 100 index to close at its best of the day with a rise of 15.5 to 2,584.9. But trading remained thin and was concentrated largely among the leaders. The total number of shares traded rose to 474 million but dealers said demand was patchy. The FT index of 30 shares advanced 14.8 to 2,022.3. Government securities sported gains of £¼ at the longer end with investors keeping an eye on Germany before tomorrow's Bundesbank meeting and a possible rise in German interest rates.

Asda, the supermarkets chain, slipped ½p to 87p as 10 million shares changed hands. A put-through of 4 million shares was reported just 24 hours after the shares went ex-dividend. **Glaxo** jumped 40p to £13.06 after receiving permission to market Imigran, its anti-migraine drug, in this country in an injectable form. Share shortages lifted **Bespak**, 7p to 400p, **Fisons**, 7p to 479p, and **SmithKline Beecham A**, 6p to 784p.

Reuters rallied 9p to 837p, helped by reports that Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, had increased its earnings forecast by 5 per cent. **Hanson** firmed 1½p to 217½p in heavy turnover before today's third-quarter figures.

General Accident suffered an early mark-down after reporting increased half-time losses. But indications that the insurance market had started to bottom out saw the price rally to close 4p dearer at 555p. **Commercial Union** finished 3p better at 535p, **Guardian Royal Exchange** 1p at 181p, and **Royal Insurance** 9p at 414p.

Thorn EMI, the music and leisure group, passedthe £8 level with a rise of 12p to 802p, helped by a better than expected set of figures from the rival Polygram, part of Philips, the Dutch group. Now City analysts are hoping for a similar performance from Thorn EMI's music division which accounts for between 35 and 40 per cent of group profits. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, believes recent cost-cutting measures at Thorn will result in higher profits at the music division — even if sales are currently down.

Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, fell 3p to a low of 106p. The shares have been under a cloud since the resignation of Keith Brackpool as chief executive of the American operations in April. Dealers say that the prolonged weakness will make it more difficult to sustain Fisher's impressive growth record.

Meanwhile, County has been taking a cautious look at the rest of the leisure sector and has decided to cut some of its profit forecasts. Its estimate for the current year for **Rank Organisation**, up 8p at 685p, has been cut by £16 million to £238 million and by £14 million to £280 million for next year. **First Leisure**, 2p lower at 267p, had its estimates reduced from £32.7 million to £30.5 million and by £3 million to £36 million for next year.

Airtours, the airline tour operator, touched a peak with a rise of 74p to 670p in thin trading. The shares have now risen by 520p since the start of the year.

Liberty, the luxury stores group, advanced by a further 23p — making a two-day gain of 113p — in the wake of Monday's raid on the shares by James Capel. This boosted the rest of the sector. There were gains for **Austin Reed A**, 6p to 153p, **Boots**, 2p to 421p, **Argos**, 4p to 323p, **Kingfisher**, 6p to 553p, **Marks and Spencer**, 6p to 279p, **Moss Bros**, 3p to 122p, **Next**, 2p to 37p, and **WH Smith A**, 6p to 438p.

Burton Group firmed 1½p to 39p as the deadline for the group's £160 million-plus rights issue was reached.

MICHAEL CLARK

Dow rises in early dealings

New York
SHARES firmed in morning trading with blue chips slightly lower after rising on an opening bout of futures-related buying.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed three points to 3,004.34 after reaching almost 3,008.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices closed easier after see-sawing because of index-futures trading. The Nikkei index closed 113.67 points, or 0.49 per cent, lower at 22,872.00. News that Toyo Shinkin Bank of Osaka was involved in improper loan deals made investors wary, but firming yen-bond prices supported sentiment. *(Reuter)*

The Wall Street prices table has been held out for production reasons.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	120
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	20
Brabant Res (155p)	172
Capital Ventures	109
Claremont Gmts (175p)	172 +1
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105
Culver Hldgs (4p)	7½ – ½
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eidos	38
East Germany Inv (100p)	108
Elonbrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	240
Gartmore Inc (100p)	109 +1
Gartmore Cap (100p)	109 +1
Geared Inc (100p)	104
Greencore	225
Greenwich Res	17
Headline Book (100p)	125
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	306
Manchester Utd (385p)	267
Mirror Group (125p)	107 +½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105 +1
Oryx Gold	256
Sterling Tst	45
Tollgate	92
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40 +2
US Smaller	103
Unicharm	161 +2

● See main prices page for Electricity shares

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alan Paul N/P	1 – ½
Explasra N/P	½
Howden N/P	8½ –2
JLI Group N/P	14
Mountleigh N/P	¼
Wheway N/P	½ – ¼

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	3028.40 (+27.06)*
S&P Composite	391.61 (+3.79)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	22872.00 (–113.67)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	4052.70 (–17.44)
FT-SE Euro 100	1113.47 (+6.05)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	92.2 (+0.3)
Sydney: AO	1553.9 (–11.8)
Frankfurt: DAX	1644.72 (+16.66)
Brussels:	
General	5730.34 (–10.57)
Paris: CAC	470.77 (+0.96)
Zurich: SKA Gen	546.0 (+0.5)
London:	
FT-A All-Share	1235.68 (+7.09)
FT-"500"	1370.01 (+7.96)
FT Gold Mines	177.4 (–1.9)
FT Fixed Interest	94.45 (same)
FT Govt Secs	85.57 (+0.06)
Bargains	23051
SEAQ Volume	474.4m
USM (Datastream)	122.94 (–2.81)

*Denotes latest trading price

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allied Lyons	500	96	102	117	2	5½	8
(*504)	550	52	64	80	8	15	20
	600	22	36	52	28	36	41
ASDA	90	5	9	10½	7	8½	10
(*88)	100	2	4	6½	14	15	17
	110	1	2½	–	24	24	–
Bass	880	68	–	–	12	–	–
(*924)	929	36	–	–	33	–	–
	977	16	–	–	64	–	–
Boots	360	67	71	–	1½	4	–
(*420)	390	41	48	56	5	10	13
	420	20	29	41	14	21	25
Br Airways	140	48	49	–	1	1½	–
(*184)	160	29	32	37	2	4½	6
	180	14	18	25	6½	11	13
BP	330	19	27	32	6	11	13
(*357)	360	6	11½	17	25	26	29
	390	2	5	–	55	55	–
Br Steel	110	17	19	21½	2	3	4
(*125)	120	8¼	11½	14½	3½	6½	8
	130	3	6½	10	9½	12	13
C & W	500	89	101	–	3	6½	–
(*580)	550	48	64	78	11	18	22
	600	19	36	50	35	42	45
CU	460	85	100	–	1½	4	–
(*534)	500	51	70	76	8	12	16
	550	19	37	45	25	29	34
Courtauld	390	73	81	94	2	3	7
(*456)	420	47	56	70	6	11	14
	460	21	34	45	22	26	28
GKN	330	40	53	58	4½	8	14
(*363)	360	21	33	39	15	19	27
	390	8	19	25	34	38	44
Grand Met	750	88	100	115	7½	17	24
(*814)	800	43	66	83	23	35	42
	850	20	41	60	50	58	67
ICI	1300	75	117	138	37	55	75
(*1323)	1350	50	87	107	65	80	95
	1400	28	68	87	100	110	122
Kingfisher	460	97	110	–	3	5	–
(*552)	500	60	78	92	7	12	15
	550	27	45	60	23	30	35
Ladbroke	240	39	38	44	3½	7	10½
(*268)	260	18	25	32	10½	15	19
	280	8	16	21	22	25	30
Land Sec	460	53	59	72	2½	7	10
(*503)	500	23	33	45	11	21	24
	550	4	12	21	50	52	55
M & S	260	25	31	38	4	6½	8½
(*277)	280	12	19	27	12	15	17
	300	5	10½	17	26	28	29
Sainsbury	326	44	52	–	2	4½	–
(*361)	356	21	31	–	9	13	–
	386	7½	16	–	28	29	–
Shell	460	72	78	82	2	5	7
(*527)	500	37	49	52	11	15	18
	550	10	20	27	39	40	45
Smlt Beech	750	56	79	97	13	23	29
(*782)	800	28	50	68	38	45	50
	850	11	29	47	75	77	78
Sainsbury	100	16	18	20	2	4	6
(*111)	110	9	12	14	5½	8	10
	120	4	7	10	11½	14½	16
Trafalgar	211	27	34	–	5	10	–
(*228)	231	14	22	–	13	20	–
	251	6	12½	–	27	36	–
Ultramar	260	21	31	35	9	11	14
(*269)	280	10	18	22	20	22	25
	300	5	11	–	35	37	–
Unilever	650	122	–	–	2	–	–
(*758)	700	75	92	–	5	11	–
	750	39	58	72	18	27	36
	800	15	30	46	45	57	62
Utd Biscs	360	40	49	57	4½	8	12
(*392)	390	18	29	38	14	19	23
	420	6	16	23	34	37	39

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Rental	200	19	27	33	1¼	5	7½
(*218)	220	4½	14	21	7	15	19
	240	1	7	12	24	27	30
RTZ	550	32	47	63	3	14	21
(*579)	600	4	20	37	25	39	42
	650	1	6½	20	75	80	81
Scot Newc	360	57	65	70	1	5	6
(*415)	390	22	42	47	2	8½	13
	420	6	23	30	13	21	28
Tesco	253	28	–	–	1½	–	–
(*268)	280	2	9½	15	14	18	21
	300	1	4	10	32	33	36
Thames W	350	26	38	45	1½	4½	8
(*373)	370	10	23	30	5	11	14
	400	1½	8	15	28	30	32
Lucas	130	18½	23	24	1¼	4½	7
(*149)	140	9	15	18	3	8½	11
	160	1½	5½	9	17	22	23

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Fisons	460	36	48	57	10	16	21
(*477)	500	14	26	37	31	37	40
	550	3	11	19	77	78	79

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat	260	38	46	52	1½	3	5½
(*294)	280	21	31	38	3½	7½	11
	300	8½	18½	26	12	16	20
Amstrad	45	10	12	13½	1½	3	4½
(*53)	50	6	8½	10½	2½	5	6½
	60	2	4½	6½	8½	11	12
Barclays	420	39	54	65	4	6½	14
(*450)	460	14	30	41	19	25	31
	500	3	14	23	52	52	55
Blue Circ	240	21	28	36	4½	10	13
(*253)	260	8	16	25	13	19	23
	280	3	8½	17	31	33	35
Br Gas	220	30	36	38	1	1	2½
(*267)	240	31	37	41	14	14½	5
	260	15	22	26	4½	7	11
	280	4½	12	16	16	17	20
Dixons	220	31	39	45	2	5½	8½
(*245)	240	16	25	32	8	14	17
	260	6½	15	22	19	23	27
Eurotunnel	420	42	58	72	9	12	23
(*449)	460	17	34	50	27	36	41
	500	5	20	32	58	61	66
Ferre	240	44	46	51	1½	3	4
(*280)	260	25	29	37	3	6½	8½
	280	10½	16½	24	8	14	17
Glaxo	1250	60	100	134	34	52	62
(*1300)	1300	33	75	107	62	70	84
	1350	17	55	85	97	102	114
Hawker	500	85	94	104	2½	7	11
(*575)	550	45	57	70	9	20	25
	600	14	31	42	32	40	45
Hillsdown	200	27	34	38	1	4	6
(*225)	220	13	19	26	6½	11	14
	240	3½	9½	16	20	22	25
	260	1	5	–	38	38	–
Lonrho	240	11	20	23	8	11	19
(*241)	260	4½	10	15	22	24	31
	280	1½	5½	7	40	40	47
Midland	180	60	65	70	1	2	3½
(*235)	200	41	48	55	1½	5	7½
	220	23	33	41	4	9½	14
	240	9	22	29	14	19	23
Reuter	700	140	163	180	3	10	18
(*837)	750	95	123	143	7	19	31
	800	55	87	110	19	35	47
	850	29	60	82	40	58	70
R-Royce	140	15	19	22	3	5½	8
(*152)	160	3½	7½	11½	14	15	18
	180	1	3	–	31	32	–
Sears	70	10½	12	15	1¼	2½	4
(*79)	80	4	6	9	4½	6½	8
	90	1	2½	5	12	13	14
Thorn EMI	650	158	170	175	1	4½	5
(*803)	700	108	125	133	2½	7	11
	750	63	84	95	7	18	23
	800	28	51	65	21	35	41
TSB	130	22	26	28	1	2	3½
(*150)	140	14	19	21	2	4	6
	160	3	7½	10	13	14½	16½
Vaal Reefs	60	10	14	15	2½	5	6
(*66)	70	4½	8½	10½	7	9½	12
Wellcome	650	85	102	122	5	15	20
(*724)	700	47	67	89	17	30	37
	750	20	41	63	40	55	62

	Series	Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Rmnr Elec	160	14	21	26	1½	5	8
(*174)	180	2	9½	14	9	13	17
	200	1	4½	7	29	30	31

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power	130	19	24	25	2	3½	4½
(*147)	140	10½	16	18	3	6	8
	160	2	5½	9	14	16	18
Scot Power	100	10	13	–	2	3½	–
(*106)	110	3½	7	–	7	7½	–
	120	1½	3½	–	15	16	–

FT-SE INDEX (*2581)

	2450	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700
Calls						
Aug	134	87	44	15	4	1
Sep	153	119	80	46	25	12
Oct	182	138	105	75	50	32
Nov	200	162	127	96	70	49
Dec	–	185	–	115	–	67
Puts						
Aug	2½	5	14	40	80	135
Sep	10	19	29½	51	83	135
Oct	22	32	46	68	95	132
Nov	30	43	58	78	104	138
Dec	–	51	–	89	–	148

August 13, 1991 Total: 24009 Calls 16195 Puts 7814 FT-SE: Calls 2908 Puts 759
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 5	August 16	November 7	November 18

Call options were taken out on: 13/8/91 Brown & Jackson, Albert Fisher, Next, Owners Abroad, TV-am, Trafalgar House.

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1	Land Sec	Property	
2	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
3	Central TV	Leisure	
4	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
5	Wessex Water	Water	
6	Racal Telecom	Electricals	
7	Lamont	Textiles	
8	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
9	Smithkl Beech	Industrials S-Z	
10	BAT	Tobaccos	
11	BWI	Industrials A-D	
12	Shell	Oil,Gas	
13	Close Bros	Banks,Discount	
14	Redland	Building,Roads	
15	Highland Distl	Breweries	
16	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
17	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
18	Steetley	Building,Roads	
19	Morrison (W)	Foods	
20	Delta	Electricals	
21	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
22	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
23	Unigate	Foods	
24	Transport Dev	Transport	
25	Kingfisher	Drapery,Stores	
26	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
27	Johnston	Industrials E-K	
28	MEPC	Property	
29	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
30	Severn Trent	Water	
31	Thames Water	Water	
32	Stirn Water	Water	
33	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
34	Lucas	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Granada	Industrials E-K	
36	Allied-Lyons	Breweries	
37	IMI	Industrials E-K	
38	Tace	Industrials S-Z	
39	Grampian Hdg	Industrials E-K	
40	Queens Moat	Hotels,Caterers	
41	Rank Org	Industrials L-R	
42	ADT	Industrials A-D	
43	Hammerson	Property	
44	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Quietly firm

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BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int yield	Gross Red yield

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99¾	99¾	Treas	9%	1991	99¾	..	8.06	10.284
100	99¾	Exch	11¾	1991	100	..	11.0	10.586
99¾	99¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	99¾	..	..	..
99⅝	91¾	Treas	9%	1992	99¼	..	9.11	9.286
99⅝	99⅜	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝	..	9.11	10.026
99⅞	97⅝	Treas	10%	1992	99⅞	..	10.0	10.263
100¾	99⅛	Treas	CI10¾%	1992	100	..	10.4	10.573
102⅝	99⅛	Treas	12¾%	1992	101⅜	..	12.6	10.163
101⅜	100⅜	Treas	12¾%	1992	100⅝	..	12.6	10.353
104⅜	103⅜	Treas	13¾%	1992	103⅝	..	13.2	10.203
94	88¾	Fund	6%	1993	89¾	..	6.8	9.234
97⅜	93⅜	Treas	8¾%	1993	97⅜	..	8.4	10.058
99⅝	97⅜	Treas	10%	1993	99⅝	..	9.8	10.048
104¼	100⅛	Treas	12¾%	1993	103⅝	-⅛	12.0	10.334
106⅝	105¾	Treas	13¾%	1993	107	..	12.8	10.159
95⅝	92⅝	Treas	8¾%	1994	93⅝	..	8.7	10.047
97¾	89¾	Treas	8%	1994	93⅝	..	8.6	10.047
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	9¾%	1994	98⅜	..	10.0	10.031
108⅝	103⅜	Exch	12¾%	1994	106	..	11.7	10.138
109	105¼	Treas	13¾%	1994	107¾	..	12.5	10.139
111⅝	108⅛	Treas	14¾%	1994	109⅝	..	13.2	10.129
88	87⅜	Conv	5%	1990-95	89⅝	..	..	..
100⅝	94⅜	Exch	10¾%	1995	100⅝	..	10.1	10.077
106⅛	99⅝	Treas	12%	1995	105¾	..	11.3	10.093
109¾	105⅝	Treas	12¾%	1995	108¾	..	11.7	10.191

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

97⅜	89⅝	Treas	8%	1992-96	97	..	8.2	9.865
100	85⅝	Conv	10%	1996	99⅝	..	10.0	10.089
98⅝	97¾	Conv	10%	1996 B	99⅝	..	..	..
113⅜	108	Exch	13¾%	1996	110¾	..	11.9	10.276
113¾	108¾	Treas	14%	1996	112⅝	..	12.4	10.376
119⅛	115¾	Treas	15¾%	1996	117⅝	..	13.6	10.345
94¾	88⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	94⅜	..	8.2	10.036
102⅝	97⅜	Treas	10¾%	1997	101¾	..	10.3	10.158
115⅝	109¾	Treas	13¾%	1997	112	..	11.8	10.286
122⅜	117	Exch	15%	1997	120⅝	..	12.4	10.404
99⅝	89⅝	Treas	8¾%	1998-00	99⅝	..	7.8	9.852
96⅝	91⅜	Conv	9¾%	1998	95⅝	..	9.2	10.109
109¾	104¾	Exch	12¾	1998	105	..	11.6	10.186
127¾	121¾	Treas	13¾%	1998	125⅝	..	13.5	10.284
97⅜	90⅝	Treas	8¾%	1999	97⅜	+⅛	8.2	10.038
101⅜	95⅝	Conv	10¾%	1999	100¾	+⅛	10.1	10.122
102⅝	97¾	Treas	10¾%	1999	101⅝	..	10.5	10.116
111⅜	105	Exch	13¾%	1999	110⅝	+⅛	11.9	10.213
94¾	90⅝	Conv	9%	2000	94⅝	0+⅛	9.5	9.982
119¾	113⅝	Treas	13%	2000	115¾	..	11.2	10.304
88⅝	86⅝	Conv	9¾%	2001	88⅝	..	8.99	9.999
100⅝	93⅜	Treas	10%	2001	99⅝	0+⅛	10.0	10.048
98⅝	97⅜	Conv	10%	2001 a	99⅝	..	10.0	10.048
36¾	36⅝	Treas	10%	2001 b	36⅝	..	12.5	10.534
118⅝	113	Treas	14%	1998-01	117⅜	..	11.9	10.577
81⅞	77¾	Exch	9%	2002	81⅜	..	8.0	10.000
96⅝	91⅝	Conv	9¾%	2002	97⅜	0+⅛	9.6	10.058
97¾	93⅝	Conv	10%	2002	97⅜	..	9.99	9.999
100¾	94	Treas	10%	2003	99⅝	0+⅛	10.0	10.000
119¾	110¾	Treas	13¾%	2000-03	117⅝	..	..	..
99¾	93¾	Fund	9¾%	1999-04	99⅜	..	9.99	9.991
97	90⅝	Conv	9¾%	2004	96⅝	..	9.8	9.999
108¾	102	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	107¾	0+⅛	10.7	10.957
97⅜	90⅝	Conv	9¾%	2004	96⅝	..	9.8	9.999
118¾	110⅞	Treas	12¾%	2003-05	116⅜	+⅛	10.8	10.636

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85¾	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	84⅝	+⅛	9.4	9.865
90	81⅛	Treas	8¾%	2007	89⅝	+⅛	9.8	9.868
112¾	105¾	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	111⅝	+⅛	10.5	10.555
94¾	88⅝	Treas	9%	2008	93⅝	+⅛	9.6	9.608
99⅝	89⅝	Treas	9%	2008 C	93⅝	..	9.6	9.608
125¾	119¾	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	124⅜	+⅛	10.8	10.694
85⅞	80	Treas	8%	2009	84⅜	+⅛	9.4	9.768
94¾	85⅝	Conv	9%	2011	93	+⅛	9.6	9.661
99⅝	89⅝	Conv	9¾	2011 PP	99⅝	..	..	..
93⅝	89⅝	Treas	8¾%	2008-12	93⅝	..	9.5	9.568
82¾	74⅝	Treas	7¾%	2012-15	81⅝	..	9.5	9.528
121¾	113¾	Exch	12%	2013-17	119⅝	+⅛	10.0	10.021

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25⅝	23⅝	Consols	2½%	25¾	..	..	..	..
25⅝	23⅝	Treas	2½%	25¾	..	..	..	..
29⅝	28¾	Treas	3%	29⅝	..	..	..	..
59⅝	57¾	Conv	3½%	59⅝	..	..	..	..
40⅝	39¾	Consols	4%	40⅝	..	..	..	..
35¾	35¾	War Ln	3½%	35¾	..	..	..	..

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131⅜	125¾	Treas I	2%	1992	131¾	..	..	..
118¼	115¾	Treas I	2%	1994	116¾	+⅛	..	..
172⅜	165¾	Treas I	2%	1996	171⅜	..	..	..
142⅝	137¾	Treas I	2½%	1998	141⅜	+⅛	..	..
136⅝	130⅝	Treas I	2½%	2001	135⅜	..	..	..
140¾	135	Treas I	2%	2003	139¾	..	..	..
128¾	124¾	Treas I	2½%	2006	128¾	..	..	..
135⅝	167⅝	Treas I	2½%	2011	133⅝	..	..	..
166¾	160⅝	Treas I	2½%	2016	165¾	..	..	..
117¾	112⅝	Treas I	2½%	2020	117¾	..	..	..
113⅝	108⅝	Treas I	2½%	2024	113⅜	..	..	..
95¾	91¼	Treas I	2½%	2024	91¾	..	..	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Price Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
311	211	Abbey National	282	286	+1	13.1	4.5	10.2
185	156	Allied Irish	170	173	..	..	..	..
185	121	Anderson (Henry)	2	30	..	2.0	6.5	..
173	121	Ann Mtge 2	164	166	..	..	..	..
139	124	Bankamerica	..	..	..	..	..	..
173	116	Bank of Ireland	130	131	+1	..	..	..
1997	1600	Bank of Scotland	1750	1770	..	..	..	..
360	300	Barclays Bank	338	340	..	21	6.2	..
1210	1000	Brown Shipley	1170	1200	..	50	4.2	24.0
5	5	Cambridge	4	6	..	..	..	..
220	185	Charterhouse Jap	217	222	..	10.7	4.8	..
229	195	Chiltern	210	220	+4	9.5	4.3	21.4
1	1	Citibank	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Clydesdale Bank	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Co-operative Bank	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Coutts & Co	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Duncan Lawrie	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Edinburgh	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	First National Finance	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	First Trust	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Girobank	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Guinness Mahon	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Hambros	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Hill Samuel	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Kleinwort Benson	1	1	..	..	..	..
1	1	Lloyds	1	1	..	..	..	..

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⊕ Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 90.8 (day's range 90.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 13

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2857-3.3061	3.3015-3.3051	½-⅝pr	1¼-1pr
Brussels	60.16-60.56	60.36-60.56	11-7pr	26-15pr
Copenhagen	11.3155-11.3667	11.3431-11.3667	1¾-1pr	4¾-2¾pr
Dublin	1.0640-1.0985	1.0970-1.0980	16-10pr	29-19pr
Frankfurt	2.9248-2.9340	2.9309-2.9349	¾-⅝pr	1¾-1pr
Lisbon	250.94-252.23	251.23-252.23	37-91dis	188-255dis
Madrid	183.05-184.19	183.58-184.19	23-28dis	77-89dis
Milan	2158.17-2202.43	2197.74-2202.43	par-2dis	4-6dis
Montreal	1.9362-1.9473	1.9382-1.9419	0.36-0.52pr	0.69-0.83pr
New York	1.8935-1.8985	1.8935-1.8945	0.77-0.72pr	2.14-2.12pr
Oslo	11.4370-11.4653	11.4616-11.4653	1¾-1pr	¾-⅝pr
Paris	9.9524-9.9906	9.9764-9.9908	1¾-1¼pr	2¾-2¾pr
Stockholm	10.6230-10.6703	10.6470-10.6708	¾-⅝pr	½pr-¼dis
Tokyo	231.08-231.85	231.08-231.35	¾-⅝pr	2¼-1¾pr
Vienna	20.5699-20.6349	20.6048-20.6339	5¼-2¼pr	8-5¼pr
Zurich	2.5579-2.5983	2.5631-2.5983	¾-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Extel — Premium = pr. Discount = dis.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11 Finance Hse 11¾

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10¾ Low 9¾ Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 10⅝pc ; 3 mth 10⅝pc . Sell: 2 mth 10⅜ ; 3 mth: 10⅜ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10⅞pc-10¾pc	10⅝pc-10½pc	10⅝pc-10½pc	10⅜pc-10⅛pc	
Sterling Money Rates:	11-10½pc	11-10⅝pc	10⅝pc-10⅜	10⅜pc-10	
Interbank:	11pc-10½pc	11-10⅝pc	10⅝pc-10⅜	10⅜pc-10⅛	10⅛-9⅞pc
(Overnight: open 11¼, close 9¼ .)					
Local Authority Depos:	10⅝pc				
Sterling CDs:	11-10½pc	n/a	10⅝pc	10%	10%
Dollar CDs:	5.72-5.67	11-10⅝pc	10⅝pc-10⅜	10⅜-10⅛pc	10⅛-10pc
Building Society CDs:	11pc-10½pc	5.73-5.68	5.73-5.68	5.69-5.64	5.67-5.62
		11pc-10½pc	10⅝pc-10⅜	10⅜pc-10⅛pc	10⅛pc-10pc

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-5⅜pc	6⅛-5¾pc	5¾-5⅝pc	5⅝pc-5¾pc	5%-4¼
Deutschemark:	9-8¾pc	9⅝-9⅜pc	9⅝-9⅜pc	9⅝pc-9⅜pc	
French Franc:	9¾-9¼pc	9¾-9⅝pc	9¾-9⅝pc	9⅝pc-9⅜pc	9¾-8¼
Swiss Franc:	8¼-7¾pc	8¼-7¾pc	8¼-7¾pc	8¼pc-7¾pc	8¼-6¼
Yen:	7¾-7⅛pc	7¾-7⅛pc	7¾-7⅛pc	7¾pc-7⅛pc	7¾-6¼

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

(Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $357.20-357.70 Close: $356.80-357.10 High: $358.10-358.80

Low: $356.80-357.10 Krugerrand: $358.25-357.25 (£210.00-211.00)

Sovereigns: Old $84.00-86.00 (£49.25-50.25) New $83.50-84.50 (£49.00-50.00)

Platinum: $351.00 (£207.25) Silver: $3.95 (£2.325) Palladium: $94.65 (£55.00)

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16780.5-16807.3
Australia dollar	2.1811-2.1844
Bahrain dinar	0.6980-0.6440
Brazil cruzeiro *	816.47-817.35
Cyprus pound	0.7393-0.8090
Finland marka	7.0850-7.1450
Greece drachma	322.15-325.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.1495-13.1590
India rupee	43.82-44.02
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.7001-4.7047
Mexico peso	5150-5250
New Zealand dollar	2.9503-2.9573
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5278-5.4075
Singapore dollar	2.9116-2.9151
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3933-5.4039
S Africa rand (com)	4.8434-4.8514
U A E dirham	6.1950-6.2750

*Barclays Bank DTB * Lloyds Bank.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2761-1.2773
Austria	12.16-12.18
Belgium (Com)	35.53-35.67
Canada	1.1452-1.1457
Denmark	6.6975-6.7025
France	5.8900-5.9050
Germany	1.7285-1.7295
Hong Kong	7.7647-7.7667
Ireland	1.5415-1.5430
Italy	1297.5-1298.5
Japan	136.50-136.80
Malaysia	2.7754-2.7784
Netherlands	1.9480-1.9470
Norway	6.7675-6.7725
Portugal	148.60-148.90
Singapore	1.7193-1.7203
Spain	106.05-106.15
Sweden	6.2980-6.2990
Switzerland	1.5102-1.5109

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%, Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.13%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 39827	Sep 91	2690.0	2813.0	2685.0	2808.0	3154
	Dec 91				2851.5	100
	Mar 92	2842.5	2842.5	2841.0	2896.0	6
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 19862	Sep 91	89.91			89.93	6183
	Dec 91	89.82	89.84	89.80	89.70	3596
	Mar 92	89.64	89.66	89.63	89.56	742
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 39187	Sep 91	94.23	94.24	94.21	94.22	510
	Dec 91	93.89	93.91	93.84	93.88	2828
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 127082	Sep 91	90.57	90.62	90.57	90.62	6864
	Dec 91	90.59	90.62	90.53	90.60	6843
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 9574	Sep 91	98-15	98-16	98-01	98-16	409
	Dec 91				98-22	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 51457	Sep 91	93.30	93.09	92.26	93.07	23492
	Dec 91	93.02	93.12	93.02	93.14	2713
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91	96.88	97.00	96.83	96.97	147
	Dec 91	97.24	97.25	97.24	97.37	377
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 67248	Sep 91	94.36	94.98	94.80	94.82	50992
	Dec 91	94.51	94.53	94.51	94.76	2592
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 6280	Sep 91	90.01	90.09	90.00	90.05	812
	Dec 91	90.10	90.12	90.06	90.12	84

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB)	
				C Cents/tonne	
Sep	642-641	Sep	500-499	Oct	192.4-92.0
Dec	684-683	Nov	524-522	Dec	186.0-82.0
Mar	718-716	Jan	545-544	Mar	181.0-80.2
May	741-739	Mar	562-561	May	183.0-82.0
Jul	757-755	May	unq	Aug	186.4-84.4
Sep	776-775	Jul	unq	Oct	188.2-88.0
Dec	802-801	Sep	unq		
	Vol: 5798		Vol: 5078		Vol: 642

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	113.55	Sep	109.50	Aug	unq
Nov	115.35	Nov	113.60	Oct	127.80
Jan	118.85	Jan	116.90	Dec	132.50
Mar	122.80	Mar	119.60	Feb	137.00
May	125.20	May	121.25	Apr	unq
Vol	257	Vol	274	Vol	10

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Oct (£/tonne)	Open: unq	Volume: 89
Apr	105.0	Close: 85.00
May	unq	106.6
		116.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	62.44	127.45	105.38
(+/-)	-0.26	+4.80	-0.79
England/Wales:	61.15	126.65	104.02
(+/-)	+0.89	+5.50	-0.84
(%)	57.1	18.5	-20.7
Scotland:	67.73	120.00	109.19
(+/-)	-0.57	-0.67	-0.57
(%)	64.7	47.8	-22.2

Estimated dead carcase weight Volume: 55

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

Aug		
Open:	unq	
Close:	88.90	
Sep		
Open:	89.0	
Close:	90.60	
Oct		
Open:	85.0	
Close:	86.80	

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash:	3mth:
Copper Grade A (£/tonne)	1306.0-1306.5	1329.0-1329.5
Lead (£/tonne)	322.00-323.00	333.25-333.50
Zinc Spec Hi Grade ($/tonne)	1058.5-1059.0	1074.5-1075.0
Tin ($/tonne)	5669.0-5670.0	5750.0-5755.0
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1367.0-1368.0	1296.0-1299.0
Nickel ($/tonne)	8225.0-8230.0	8190.0-8195.0

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 5.00pm

The oil market remained in the summer doldrums.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical		
Brent 15 day (Sep)	19.45	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	19.45	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.55	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	21.55	-0.05
	21.45	-0.10

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid:	Offer:
Premium Gas .15	244 (n/q)	248 (n/q)
Gasoil EEC	187 (+1)	189 (+1)
Non EEC 2H Aug	186 (n/c)	189 (n/q)
Non EEC 1H Sep	188 (n/c)	190 (n/q)
3.5 Fuel Oil	67 (n/c)	70 (n/q)
Naphtha	205 (n/q)	208 (n/q)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Sep	186.75-86.50	Jan	198.50-88.00
Oct	188.50-88.25	Feb	186.00-84.00
Nov	190.00-89.50	Mar	179.00 SLR
Dec	190.75-90.25		Vol: 3716

BRENT

Sep	19.45-19.55	Nov	19.60-19.70
Oct	19.55-19.65		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High:	Low:	Close:
Aug 91	1648	1548	1598
Sep 91	1650	1615	1647
Oct 91	1690	1680	1685
Jan 92	1695	1680	1690

Vol: 295 lots Open Interest: 2398

Dry cargo index: 1483 +10

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As the grouse season begins, **Christopher Warman** goes in search of good buys in the shooting belt



Hillbarn House: in 696 acres, it is priced at about £1.85 million



Out on the moors anticipating a sudden beating of grouse wings



Arndilly Estate: the mansion is included in the £1.24 million price

The first grouse of the year have made their ceremonial flypast in close formation and have been shot down for their efforts. Sporting estates in Britain are at their busiest for the band of people who like to stand waist deep in water waiting for the fish to swim by, lie in wet bracken gazing at a stag on the horizon, or stand on a moor, armed to the teeth, in anticipation of a sudden beating of wings.

The prospects for grouse this year are mixed but promising. Charles Dent, of Savills, reports that several shooting days have been difficult to let, with asking prices now reduced from £70 to £80 a brace shot to £60 to £65, a drop of about 25 per cent, and probably the first drop in 15 years.

As ever, the market for grouse moors remains small. Prices peaked in 1990 when Savills sold Lord Biddulph's moors on the borders in the Lammermuir Hills in Berwickshire for about £4 million (more than £2,000 a brace). This year two moors, Stublick in Northumberland and Grinton in North Yorkshire, have not found buyers, while Stean Moor, Nidderdale, North Yorkshire, has found a buyer at less than the asking price.

Just on the market through Savills' York office, in conjunction with Davis & Bowring, is Preston Low Moor near Leyburn. The 2,100 acre moor provides an average bag of 240 brace a year and a high of more than 600 brace in 1988. Mr Dent says the property is one of the Bolton Estate's famous moors and its guide price of more than £450,000 represents good value.

Good news for the owners of sporting land comes from the Country Landowners Association (CLA), which says that it has won a concession on VAT from Customs and Excise to reflect what is permissible under European Community law. Customs is to announce that where land is sold freehold, and the sale includes sporting rights, no VAT should be charged on the value of the sporting rights, unless the vendor has opted to charge VAT on the land. Where land including sporting rights is leased, VAT need be charged only if the rental value of the sporting rights exceeds 10 per cent of the total rent charged.

Adrian Baird, the CLA's chief taxation adviser, says the amount of VAT at stake when larger estates are sold could run into six figures.

The proposed changes to the law will end the widespread uncertainty encountered by landowners and their agents.

In Scotland, Brodies of Edinburgh is selling The Hopes, Gifford, East Lothian, one of the best known Scottish grouse moors on an estate covering 3,700 acres in the Lammermuir Hills. During the last ten years, the average bag has increased by nearly 40 per cent to between 400 and 500 brace, and the shooting has never been let. The Hopes also runs sheep, and last year produced a £19,000 ram called The Spook. The estate includes a four bedroom farmhouse, restored three bedroom cottage and farm buildings, an ancient hill fort and one-and-three-quarter miles of the Hope Water. The asking price is £1.5 million.

The Arndilly Estate, a fine 862 acre agricultural and sporting estate with a Grade A listed mansion on the banks of the River Spey at Craigellachie, Banffshire, has a small grouse moor at the highest point on Ben Aigan, and a wide variety of sport, including roe stalking, rough shooting, driven pheasant and some duck flighting. Although the estate owns no fishing rights, it is possible to rent fishing on this famous salmon river.

At the heart of the estate is the mainly Georgian mansion with later baronial additions. It has four reception rooms and 12 bedrooms.

Knight Frank & Rutley's Edinburgh office is asking more than £1.24 million for the whole estate. Alternatively it can be bought in nine lots.

William Gething, of Property Vision, says that the 1980s boom years brought a big demand for shoots to satisfy both corporate and private hospitality, before the recession hit. The result is that the estates geared to meet an apparently insatiable demand have suffered, while those with a reputation for producing high and difficult birds are still finding a steady demand.

Mr Gething says: "There has been a gradual realisation that it is the quality of the shoot that matters and not the quantity. The once fashionable days of 500-plus pheasants being shot are now frowned on by traditionalists. There is much more cachet in a 200 high-bird shoot in Devon than the 1,000-bird 'turkey shoot' in Norfolk."

He says fishing is less subject to fashion, and demand for good chalk stream fishing, especially on rivers such as the Test and Itchen, is constant.

"Water," he says, "is also conveniently photogenic, and houses nearby nearly always achieve good prices."

Hillbarn Farm at Marlborough, Wiltshire, does not have fishing, but has a high quality shoot within its 696 acres of north Wessex downs. The farm offers all the features of a large sporting estate on a more affordable scale, according to Jim Bryant, of Bidwells, Cambridge, who is handling the sale.

As well as pheasant, partridge, woodcock and hare, there is deer stalking. The five bedroom, three reception room Hillbarn House was built in 1985, and there are other cottages. Bidwells is asking £1.85 million.

The agricultural and sporting Inholmes Estate on the Berkshire/Wiltshire borders near Hungerford is on the market for the first time since 1919. The 920 acre estate has its own village, including 12 cottages in addition to the main neo-Georgian house, built in 1905 to replace the original 16th century one. It includes four reception rooms and six main bedrooms.

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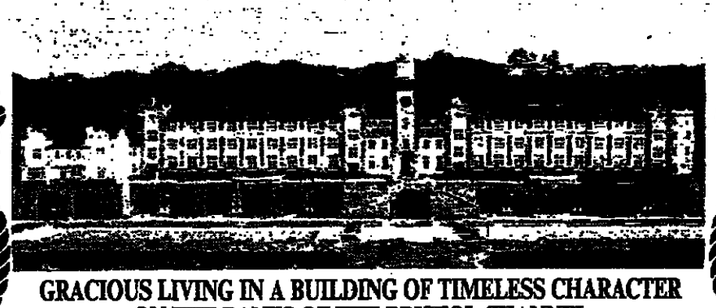
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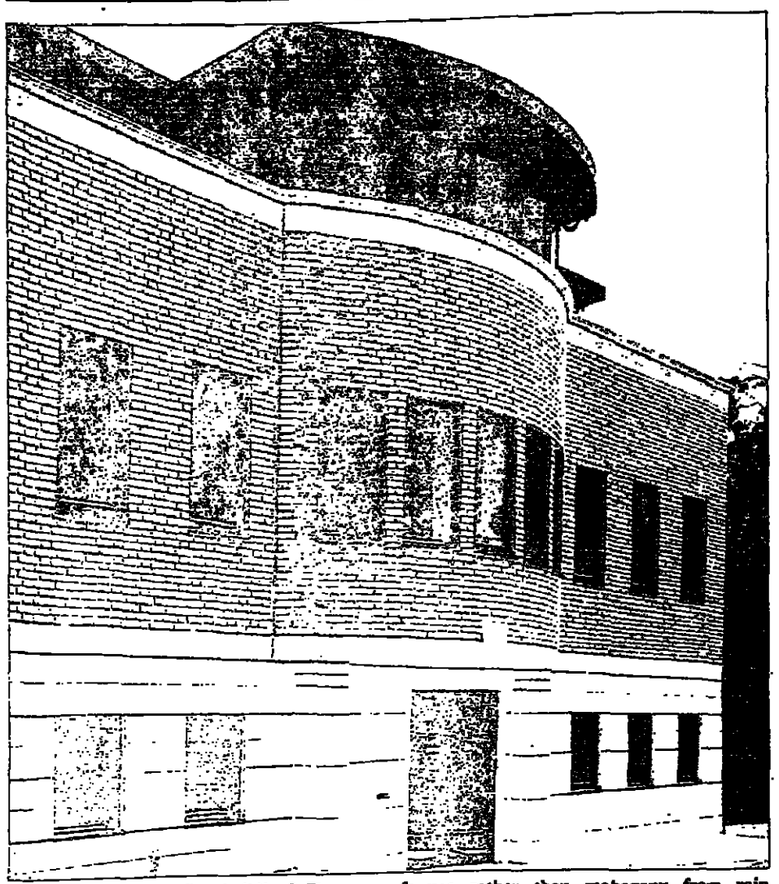
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Prescription for a healthy workforce

Buildings can make people ill. Now researchers plan environment-friendly offices, reports Christopher Warman

Identification of "sick building syndrome" and attendant warnings about global warming have given professional and public acceptance to the concept of "intelligent" and "green" office buildings.

Next month, the first comprehensive pan-European study of intelligent buildings is to be started by DEGW, an international design practice, in conjunction with Teknibank, an Italian market research company. The concept of the intelligent building has previously been dominated by the United States and Japan.

The new study aims to devise a model of building intelligence geared specifically to European organisations and buildings. Its sponsors, including British Telecom and Olympia & York, the Canadian company developing Canary Wharf in London Docklands, are determined that the buildings must provide productivity and cost gains by matching user needs with advanced technology.

Hoare Lea & Partners, environmental engineers closely involved in research and development in modern building design, argues that the modern office is going to have to be environmentally friendly, "resulting in it acquiring an intelligence all of its own". The engineers add that some people in the construction business are already labelling offensive buildings as "high polluters".

Terry Wyatt, the head of research and development at Hoare Lea & Partners, explains that heating, air-conditioning and lighting in buildings accounts for twice as much pollution as vehicle exhausts.

The high occurrence among workers in some buildings of lethargy, headaches, breathing difficulties and skin complaints led to the term, "sick building syndrome".

Mr Wyatt says research has isolated 62 volatile organic compounds in the structure of buildings, half of which are recognised irritants. "Add to these the polluting effect of compounds such as formaldehyde and benzene, given off by photocopiers and modern furniture and carpets, and the resulting health problems seem less surprising," he says.

New buildings tend to be the worst, perhaps because volatile compounds lose strength over time. To speed the process, some buildings are being treated, before occupancy, to a period of "burn-off", where the heating and ventilation is turned up to help eradicate harmful gases.

It has been shown, too, that leafy green houseplants can help to filter the air of offending compounds, and plants are now being sited in offices other than for purely aesthetic reasons.

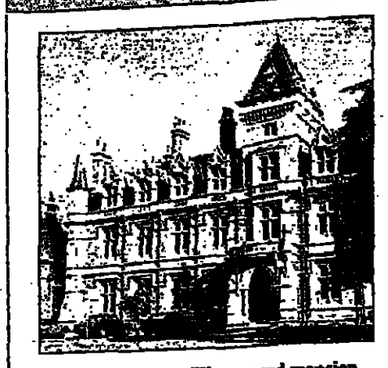
As heating and air-conditioning systems become more efficient, the need for chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) for cooling systems and fossil fuels for heating lessens.

Mr Wyatt believes that advances in technology will enable buildings to acquire the ability to control their indoor climates. He adds that sophisticated design techniques will produce simpler, more cost-effective engineering systems that will be integrated with the building fabric "to create a unified computer-controlled environment for the building's occupants. It is now possible to visualise buildings which will require no fuel for heating, cooling or ventilation and only small amounts for lighting and hot water."

In response to the call for greener buildings, the Building Research Establishment at Garston, near Watford, in Hertfordshire, last year introduced an environmental scheme, Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (Breeam), to provide a set of standards for buildings to protect the people who work in them as well as the environment.

Britain's greenest office building? Tuscany House, a 10,660 sq ft development in a parkland setting close to the new Basingstoke civic centre in Hampshire, lays claim to that title, having gained 18 credits out of a possible 21 in an environmental classification. Built by Trinity Park Developments, Tuscany House has safeguards intended to contribute to the global, neighbourhood and internal environment, and *incorporates sustainable* timber resources (which means using cherry for frames rather than mahogany from rain forests), and insulation materials containing no ozone-damaging CFCs. Builders can win marks for categories which include building on reclaimed land, providing storage space for recyclable materials, safeguarding water supplies to prevent the danger of legionnaires' disease, avoiding the use of hazardous materials such as asbestos or leaded paint, fitting safe lighting and ventilation, and providing separate smoking areas.

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The Towers consists of 17,889 sq ft of offices and laboratories. Lambert Smith Hampton is asking £1.2 million.

☐ The Corporation of London has completed its £1.25 million refurbishment scheme at 50 Gresham Street, London EC2, which was handled entirely by the corporation's surveying department.
One floor of the 4,425 sq ft offices has been let, before marketing by Knight Frank & Rutley, to Bank Mellat. The building stands within 100 yards of the Bank of England and the Guildhall.

☐ Great Portland Estates has completed its new development at 33 Chancery Lane, London WC2. The 23,000 sq ft office building is behind the original 19th century listed façade opposite Lincoln's Inn. De Groot Collis is quoting a rental of £825,000 a year, equating to £39.50 a sq ft on the main office floors, and is offering the building in suites from 2,500 sq ft.

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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, on 28th August 1991 at 1.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 27th August 1991 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date: 9 AUGUST 1991
C T E HAYWARD
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF CREDITORS' MEETING
IN THE MATTER OF FIVE STAR LOCATION SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Five Star Location Services Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ, on Friday the 16th day of August 1991 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 14th and 15th days of August 1991 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ.
Dated this 2nd day of August 1991.
By Order of the Board.
LEON LENIK
Director
NOTE:
Proxies, together with Proof of Debt, to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the Registered Office of the company at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London WC1V 6HZ, not later than 12.00 o'clock on the 15th day of August 1991.
Please forward to the above address a statement of your claim to assist in the preparation of the Statement of Affairs.

Notice To Creditors
Re: Creditors' Meeting
The Insolvency Act 1986
CATHEDRA LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number 1636869
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to S.48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at The Seminar Room, Touche Ross & Co, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP on Wednesday 4 September 1991 at 11.00 am.
In accordance with Rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor shall only be entitled to vote if:
a. Details of any debt claimed are submitted to the Receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting; and
b. Where the creditors cannot attend in person a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the Receivers before the meeting.
Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Claims and proxies should be sent to the Administrative Receivers at Touche Ross & Co., PO Box 810, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP.
Dated 9 August 1991
N R Lyle and D L Morgan
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co.,
P O Box 810,
Friary Court,
65 Crutched Friars,
London EC3N 2NP.

Notice To Creditors
Re: Availability of Receivers' Report
The Insolvency Act 1986
CATHEDRA LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company No. 1636869
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to S.48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that creditors of the above named company may apply to the Joint Administrative Receivers at the address shown below for a free copy of their report prepared in accordance with S.48(1) of that Act.
N R Lyle and D L Morgan
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co.,
P O Box 810,
Friary Court,
65 Crutched Friars,
London EC3N 2NP.

OATHSHAW LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, on 28th August 1991 at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 27th August 1991 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date: 9 AUGUST 1991
C T E HAYWARD
Joint Administrative Receiver

QUEENSLAND PROPERTIES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, on 28th August 1991 at 12.45 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 27th August 1991 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
Date: 9 AUGUST 1991
C T E HAYWARD
Joint Administrative Receiver

R.L. DESIGN ASSOCIATES LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 23rd day of August, 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 5th day of August 1991
G RICKX
Director

R.L. DESIGN ASSOCIATES (NORTHERN) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of LEONARD CURTIS & CO., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on Friday, the 23rd day of August, 1991 at 10.30 am for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated the 5th day of August 1991
G RICKX
Director

TILTCITY LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above company will be held pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 at 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP, on 28th August 1991 at 3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, appointing a creditors' committee. A creditor will be entitled to vote only if a written statement of claim is submitted to me at the above address by 12 noon on 27th August 1991 and if the claim is admitted for voting purposes. Any proxies that are intended to be used must be submitted to me before the meeting. A creditor whose claim is wholly secured is not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting
Date: 9 AUGUST 1991
C T E HAYWARD
Joint Administrative Receiver

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Mansell J F G (L); Payne T E (I); Jackson F L (I); Murray V L (M); Hubbard M I (M); Durston P J (L); Harrison S J (M); Brown J C (M); Poles G C H (M); Self G P (L); Sendall J M (L); Lawrence V I E (M); James A V (I); Vijayanathan R (M); Scott R D (L); Sullivan S (I); Patel B V (L); Genn Y N (I); Grant E A G (I); Abrams P (I); Evans J F M (G); Gould S M (M); Roe E E (I); Watson I M (M); Jonathan-Jones G J (I); Lattimer J A (I); Room S (M); Pyne R D (I); McKimmell S J (M); McCahill D T J (L); Robinson C M (G); Hossain K A (L); Driver S G (I); Newman B G (M); Grantham A T (M); Rawlinson M E (I); Powell B H (G); Marshall A C (M); Cunningham A J (G); Broderick W H (G); Taylor L A (I); Gilliart J (M); Buckley A V (L); Fleming A (M); Downey A P (L); Dacre I T (M); Edwards K S (G); Hodgson T P (I); Russ E (I); Smith T A (M); McGuckian S A (G); McKie S E (I); Allen S E (M); Ciumei C G (M); Fadipe G C (I); Glanville S (I); Firth M A (G); Beaven G P (I); Howard R A (M); George J S (M); Ferguson S M (I); Orchard A E (I); Laughland J R (I); Sabiston P J (G); Smith J W (I); Radburn M C C (L); Woodman P N (I); Newman D (G); Skilbeck J S (L); Walters E J (M); Steenson D S (L); Woodgate G R (I); Baker E D (I); Jennings S J (M); Graham A M (M); Eldergill E M (I); Attridge S J (I); Granshaw S E (L); Cooper J C G (M); Chronias N J (I); Meech A E (L); Kennedy M J (M); Wilson J M (I); Seager J F (I); McGonigal R (L); Merrien A M (I); Litchfield S K (G); Munks C A (I); Moss M J (G); Scholefield J E (M); Power K M (I); Hargreaves K J (G); Clarke E A (G); Hopper M J (M); Dymond A M (M); Horner H J (I); Duddridge R J (L); Beard N W (G); Brown M (L); Enser J C (I); Bishop T H P (I); McHaffie M B (L); Preston K D (I); Rentrop T U W (I); Young L T (M); Stallebrass P (I); Murch S J (L); Wenlock H (M); Todd S M (G); Smith A D (M); Barber P A (G); Charles-Pratt J S (G); Heron S K (M); Fitton C A P (I); Deignan M (M); Graffy C P (M); Amis C J (G); Grew M R (M); Bell M P T (G); Argyropoulos K (I); Gretason M N (L); Hayne J E (I); Maton B M (G); Leung W (I); Patterson B J (I); Wills J M (G); Mohindra R K (I); Moulson P C E (G); Silva A M (M); Morley A E (M); Smith M E (I); Shuman K A E (L); Grice J H (M); Andrews S J (G); Hobday N A (M); Hudson R M (L); Ivers M J (M); Dingwall R A (G); Furminger M A (G); Downes P S (G); Hopkins C V (I); Jones J F (I); Dipre P N A (L); Evered J L (M); Swift S G (I); Orridge R A (G); Tughan J C R (I); Seed S N (G); Nixon A L B (I); Nixon L F A (I); Young S J (M); McCartney J K (M); McCrimmon C J (M); Westerland R A (I); Hall R A (L); Hopkins R D (I); Bainbridge V (I); Dale J C R (M); Bogle J S L (M); Barker L (I); Bennet P A (L); Crozier S R M (G); Goring J M (L); Csoka S (G); Brown A M (L); Dent K J (I); Whyatt M G (G); Peers H (I); McHaffie M B (L); Preston K D (I); Rentrop T U W (I); Young L T (M); Stallebrass P (I); Murch S J (L); Wenlock H (M); Todd S M (G); Smith A D (M); Barber P A (G); Charles-Pratt J S (G); Heron S K (M); Fitton C A P (I); Deignan M (M); Graffy C P (M); 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Maddrell J P (M); Jones K A (M); Livesey N R (L); Heyworth C L (I); Brunt P E (L); Hammond M J (I); Brown D C (M); Cherryman N C (L); Knox-Hooke Z A (I); Ferguson C C (M); Bullock A J (L); Graham-Wells A C (I); Godfrey C N (L); Moore G D (I); Yerrakadu A A (I); Watson C (L); Whitting J J (M); Edusei J R (G); Raval A H (L); Rogers D H (M); Gibson J W (I); Lewis A (G); Kincade J (I); Barlow M E B (M); Miller R J (G); Claxton J M (M); Oram D R (L); Shipsey H J (I); Schiess G T (M); Thomas B J (M); Nicholls P J (I); Hardcastle I M (G); Ellis C A (G); Buchanan C L (G); Holborn D R (I); Holderness D A (L); Clarke R T E (I); O'Flaherty N (L); Tambadou S M (M); Sumpton C M W (I); Sinker A T (L); Rideout H C D (M); Gulleford K A (L); Clee P D (L); Coates C A (L); Chincotta J (M); Davies A L (L); Choudhry M A (I); Inglis G G G O (I); Rahim H T (G); Woodhouse P M (G); Smith J M (G); Dobson A J (I); Elliott T R (M); Dowle M J (L); Carter N J (I); Acheson R I (G); Kinney M C (I); Kearney J M (G); Meakin I L (G); Harvey L B (L); Buckley G M (G); Sachdeva S (I); Wan Moh'd Daud W M S I (I); Savage A E (G); Watson-Hopkinson G E C (I); Walter C K (L); Roberts S D (G); Dahil B S (I); Lewis T R A (I); Clarke K S (I); Buchanan M P (I); Costa L L (G); Pearmain N G (M); Levitt M C (M); Nayak J (I); Slater I J (L); Taurah S D (L); Rhodes S M (L); Lovering S R (G); Corcut A (L); Gursoy R A (M); Persaud S (G); Broxholme C D A (G); Kerruish L J (L); Hockton D J A (I); Harvey D S (I); Musaret S (L); Jones G P (L); Amir T (G); Tsiattalou H (G); Skinner T M (G); Evans L C (I); Luckham K A (I); Dowden A P (L); Amirfazli F (L); Brandon B P (I); Sebom P T (I); Shurrock W S (L); Holden D T (L); Knapp E I (L); Akintan S (M); Nazir K (L); Wedderburn K (M); Todd M R (I); Reed J W (I); Yusuf I (L); Piper A R (L); Chahall J P (M); Samuel G R (L); Todman D (G); Patrick J P (M); Colborne M D (G); Phillips C (M); Seitler D (I); Smithers A F O (I); Jordan A (M); Sidhu-Brar N S (G); Amin S (I); Valera E (M); Horsfall D J (G); 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The Times continues the countdown to the football season which starts on Saturday

Souness demands a higher commitment

By Ian Ross

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COMPLEX by nature, yet singularly incisive when called upon to discuss the intricacies and vagaries of football management, Graeme Souness still finds it a little difficult to supress a wry smile whenever the conversation turns to the vexed subject of pressure.

As the man charged with responsibility for filling the vacuum created by the unexpected departure of Kenny Dalglish from Liverpool almost six months ago, Souness, before his recently adopted side has even kicked a ball in anger, finds himself submerged by public expectation.

His previous job, as the manager of Rangers, was no less demanding, but, even so, he readily admits to a growing feeling of apprehension as Saturday's opening League fixture against Oldham Athletic at Anfield draws closer.

"Of course I feel pressure because of what my predecessors have achieved," he said. "This is an enormous challenge. I do not think anyone in this country could have a bigger task.

"If I don't win something here, I know, full well, that I will not be remembered as a good player, either in this country or in Italy, or as a good manager in Scotland, but as a managerial failure at Liverpool. At this point, I feel both excitement and trepidation."

The uncharacteristically tame manner in which Liverpool surrendered their League title to Arsenal in the weeks that followed his appointment in mid-April left Souness surprised, disappointed and, it would seem, somewhat dismayed.

"Last season was, in many respects, a traumatic one for this club," he said. "I felt that, for whatever reasons, some people here had started to feel sorry for themselves and that they had begun to believe that it just wasn't going to be their year.

"The desire to win seemed to be missing at times and that is just not the Liverpool way at all. It is certainly not something which I, as a manager, will tolerate.

"Perhaps this lack of desire was understandable because the loss of Kenny Dalglish must have been a shattering blow to contend with. Even so, I will not simply be expecting the desire to come back, I will be demanding that it comes back. I don't want to be heavy-handed about this, but we are involved in a professional business and people, quite rightly, expect a great deal of Liverpool teams."

Having injected more than £6 million-worth of new talent into a squad that was bedevilled by injuries and inconsistency last season, Souness expects the inevitable scramble for places in his senior side to prompt a feeling of insecurity which, he hopes, will manifest itself in the more familiar, almost traditional, will to win that has so underpinned Liverpool's success over the past two decades.

"I could sense this desire to succeed coming back during the course of our pre-season games, but it is difficult, if not impossible, to guage exactly where it is you stand until the season actually gets underway," he said.

"At the end of last season, I knew that if I could get Dean Saunders and Mark Wright I would be a happy man. I succeeded in signing both men and also managed to land Mark Walters, a player I know inside out from my time at Rangers."

Aware that his club's supporters will find another season of unfulfilled promise unpalatable, if not unacceptable, Souness admits that he will demand much of his players.

"The Merseyside public has been so spoiled — and I don't believe that to be the wrong word — that they demand their team gives everything," he said. "I do not think that they actually demand success, but they do expect total commitment.

"If our supporters felt that they were turning up for games and not seeing their team give 100 per cent, they would be upset and that is perfectly understandable.

"Football is a business. Forget inflation: in real terms, the players are getting paid far more than they were when I was here between 1978 and 1984. The public is now paying out far more than they ever have done to watch football and they feel that they must have value for money."

Much as Souness would like to subscribe to the view that the League championship will again constitute nothing more than a two-horse race involving his own club and Arsenal, he cannot.

"There are some very good clubs that have invested a great deal of money on new talent," he said. "I am optimistic, but I always am. I think football should be played in the way it has been played here at Liverpool for the last 25 years. This club has proved that you can not only win but win with style."

JAMES GRAY



In the saddle: Souness is hoping to make it a one-horse race for the first division championship this season

Selhurst is ruled unready

REDEVELOPMENT work at Selhurst Park has forced Crystal Palace and Wimbledon, who are sharing the ground this season, to call off their first home League matches of the season. Palace were scheduled to face Leeds on Saturday and Wimbledon should have played Sheffield Wednesday at Selhurst next Tuesday.

The decision was taken after a meeting in London between club officials, the Football League chief executive, Arthur Sandford, and representatives of the police and local authority.

Palace have been installing executive boxes and a police control room as well as resurfacing the club car park. The main worry was the control room.

A Palace official said: "We have heard from Mike Hurst [the club secretary] to say that Saturday's game has been called off. Wimbledon's match on Tuesday has also been postponed."

Palace will have to wait to find out whether they will be disciplined by the League. Three years ago, Tottenham Hotspur were docked points when they postponed their opening match against Coventry. The sentence was later changed to a fine after an appeal.

Palace were certain to draw a large crowd against Leeds, and Wimbledon, having left the low-capacity Plough Lane ground, were hoping for a club record "home" gate against Sheffield Wednesday.

Palace have agreed to transfer Garry Thompson, the forward, to Charlton Athletic for £100,000.

Pleat out to revive old hit

Clive White on a club and manager returning to grass roots in an attempt to bring an end to years of struggling to survive in the first division

NOBODY can deny that Luton Town are doing their utmost to turn back the clock. Grass, visiting supporters, David Pleat, even Brian Stein, are being welcomed back to Kenilworth Road in an attempt, some might say a desperate and foolhardy one, to bring back the good old times to the Bedfordshire club.

Pleat sees his return to the club — where, over eight years, he laid the foundations for one of the most attractive and resourceful sides in the country before leaving in acrimonious circumstances — as a calling. "I always felt that maybe one day I would go back to Luton, though it's happened far sooner than I expected," he said.

Quite apart from the ill-timed and ungrateful treatment dished out to Jim Ryan, his predecessor, who was promptly dismissed upon securing the club's first division salvation, again, last season, there is the view that it is a mistake to return to the scene of past glories. Naturally, Pleat refutes that. "It depends what you make of it when you go back," he said.

Since survival, against the odds, was not good enough for Luton under Ryan, it would appear that something more is expected of their erstwhile team builder. But with the start of the season less than a week away, Pleat this week was still scouring the land for straw, never mind bricks.

A returning son he may be, but fortunately for Luton never the prodigal. When I saw him he was waiting for a call from Liverpool about the possibility of a loan deal; the bank has placed a £500,000 limit on Luton's overdraft. "We didn't have any money at Leicester and I had to beg to borrow players. I don't like it but I know I helped Kevin Campbell when we had him on loan from Arsenal for three marvellous months last season," Pleat said.

What Luton needed, apart from the annual Houdini act, was one or two "messiahs", Pleat said, if they were to hang on to the coat tails of the rich and famous in their selfish pursuit towards a Super League. The squad is light on physique and experience. When Alex Ferguson bemoaned to Pleat the need for a larger squad, the Luton manager asked him if he could name half a dozen of his own team. The Manchester United manager failed to do so.

"I've just got to hope that the younger players can hold on and I can get some experience alongside the likes of the promising ones such as Pembridge and Hughes," Pleat said.

"I'm desperate to find another Grealish, Horton or Foster. I am looking for the second Dave Mackay. I thought of placing an advert in the paper. I don't care how old he is. I would pay £2 million for that person if I had it."

Since winning the Littlewoods Cup three seasons ago under Ray Harford, the team that Pleat built had fallen into decline, and been disbanded. The club does not possess a recognised forward, having sold Iain Dowie, to West Ham United, and been forced to part with Lars Elstrup, to Odense for £200,000, less than a third of what they paid.

It is rumoured that £600,000 would buy out Luton, lock, stock and barrel.



Pleat: the returning son

The club is one of those modern-day rarities in that it has had more chairmen than managers in the past two seasons — five at the last count. How Pleat must yearn for the pre-crisis days at White Hart Lane (both his own and those of Tottenham), when that kind of money was at his disposal to buy a single player.

He thinks back to those days "in a pride but in a sadness", when Tottenham produced arguably their best football of the past decade. "But what can I do about it. It's happened. You keep going and you don't worry about their problems and their success but you wish everyone well in the game because you know how difficult it is at any club."

As ever, he remains concerned for the well-being of the game in general. What, he asks, will happen to tomorrow's players if fathers increasingly stay at home with their sons to watch the sport on television? Where does one sell unwanted players when the financial gulf between top and bottom grows ever wider? Where does the young developing first division player go when the accent in the lower divisions is on pace and strength?

"Maybe the sun will soon start shining, at least on Luton," Pleat said. "I've got a feeling things will turn around. I've got a lot to prove here but the club will have to be patient."

Villa may allow McGrath to go

PAUL McGrath, the Republic of Ireland international defender, may be on his way from Aston Villa to Celtic, who have put in an offer believed to be £500,000.

Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, has rejected Celtic's initial approach from the manager, Liam Brady, who last month paid Villa £1.1 million for the forward, Tony Cascarino.

"They have made an offer, but we are not encouraging them," Atkinson said. However, the feeling behind the scenes at Villa Park is that, with a doubt over McGrath's long-term future because of a recurring knee injury, he could be available at the right price.

McGrath, aged 31, formerly at Manchester United, has been Villa's most consistent player since Graham Taylor, the England manager, took him to Villa Park for £400,000 two years ago. If Villa could recoup that fee, plus possibly half as much again, Atkinson may well consider it too good to discount.

Under Taylor and his successor last season, Jozef Venglos, Villa operated a three-man central defence made up of McGrath, Derek Mountfield and Kent Nielsen, but Atkinson has made it clear the team will be reverting to a flat back-four this season.

Shaun Teale, signed for £300,000 from Bournemouth, is competing for one of the two central defensive roles, along with Ivo Stas, the Czechoslovak international.

Stas cost Villa £250,000 last October, but he has still to make his Football League debut after an Achilles tendon injury.

McGrath said: "I'm happy where I am at the moment, particularly since Ron Atkinson came here."

West Ham United yesterday completed the signing of the Brighton and Hove Albion forward, Mike Small, for £400,000. He will make his first appearance for the newly-promoted first-division club at home to Luton Town on Saturday.

Small scored 21 goals last season to help Brighton reach the play-off final, and has interested several first-division clubs since turning down a new contract in June. He joined Brighton for £70,000 a year ago from the Greek club, PAOK Thessaloniki.

Charlton Athletic have signed Steve Gatting, the Brighton defender, on a free transfer. Gatting, aged 32, played 300 games for Brighton. Brighton's transfer-listed midfield player, Robert Codner, who did not report to the club until last week, has signed a week-to-week contract with the club.

The Colchester United defender, Scott Daniels, aged 20, has joined Exeter City for £50,000 and is expected to make his his debut at West Bromwich Albion on Saturday. Albion are expected to have Alan Miller, the Arsenal reserve team goalkeeper, in their side. Miller has been signed on a month's loan.

Chelsea have appointed the former Hull City manager, Stan Ternent, as their first-team coach. Ternent has been given a three-year contract at Stamford Bridge. Kidderminster Harriers, of the GM Vauxhall Conference, have signed Ron Green, the goalkeeper, from Walsall.

RACING

Veteran belies his years at Bath

ONE old-stager won a race held in honour of another when the evergreen Gilderdale took the Be Hopeful Memorial Handicap at Bath yesterday.

Gilderdale, who won the race in 1987, led inside the final furlong to foil the winning streak of Maggie Siddons by a length.

At nine, Gilderdale was by far the senior member of the field and the star of John Hills's Lambourn stable recorded his fifteenth victory.

Hills said: "Gilderdale only needs another 12 wins to be upsides Be Hopeful himself. And who knows, it might happen. After all, Be Hopeful was 14 when winning the last of his 27 races."

Peter Walwyn, Be Hopeful's trainer, seems destined never to collect the trophy named after his old favourite at Seven Barrows. His runner, Sure Victory, backed from 5-2 to 13-8 favourite to stretch her winning run to four, could never strike a blow, finishing fourth.

Texan Clamour broke new ground for East Everleigh trainer Richard Hannon with his victory in the August Selling Stakes.

It was Hannon's 74th winner of the season, beating his previous best, established last year.

"They have all been hard to get and I didn't set myself a target at the start of the season," said Hannon, after the 11-4 favourite came with a charge up the rails, under Richard Perham, to peg back the 20-1 shot Lady Bunting by half-a-length.

Texan Clamour will still be available to further boost Hannon's tally because the trainer bought him back at the subsequent auction for 4,600 guineas.

Hannon, who went on to complete a double when Flown defied 10 stone to capture the BBC Radio Bristol Handicap, has added Coffee Ice to his York team for next week. The filly's target is the Lowther Stakes.

"Coffee Ice was all wrong after Ascot, but has come back well in recent home gallops," explained the Wiltshire handler.

Mick Channon's filly Canadian Capers, dropped down to lesser company in the Tog Hill Median Auction Stakes and made the most of it to break her duck.

Placed recently behind highly-rated fillies Sylvan and Messaafi, she met nothing of that calibre this time and dominated the race. Quickening again for Alan Munro inside the final furlong, she came away to beat Monorose (33-1 to 14-1) by four lengths.

The filly is owned by Southampton farmer Peter Taplin, who bought her on his own judgement and sent her to Channon. "She come up against some hot-pots and deserved this. She will make a nice three-year-old," predicted the Lambourn trainer, saddling his eighteenth winner of the season.

Cecil raids Deauville

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Deauville

HENRY Cecil's Diamond City and Fulke Johnson Houghton's Joie De Soir run in the £12,220 Prix de la Calonne at Deauville today.

The third British entry, Charles St George's Gueca Solo, who was to be ridden by Lester Piggott, will miss the race.

Diamond City, winner of two of her three starts this season, will be ridden by Steve Cauthen and is coupled with Sheikh Mohammed's other runner, Sha Tha. Cash Asmussen gets the leg up on Joie De Soir.

Tomorrow's bank holiday card features the £30,550 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano in which Cecil runs Peter Davies (Piggott) and the £25,458 Prix de Pomone, which has two British runners, John Dunlop's Highland Ceilidh (Asmussen) and Cecil's Lancashire Oaks winner, Patricia (Cauthen).

HOCKEY

Two newcomers join squad for Prescot

By Sydney Friskin

A PERIOD of evaluation and assessment began yesterday for Great Britain with the announcement of the squad for the Minet Insurance Challenge against Pakistan at Prescot on Saturday. Robert Hill, who was dropped in July, has returned.

The 16 players are all from England and many were in the bronze-medal winning team at the European championship in Paris. Robert Thompson, who was not available for Paris, has returned, as has Clift. Bernie Cotton, the team manager, has chosen two young players, Davis and Nicklin, neither of whom has played for Britain.

The scene moves to Glasgow, on August 25, where Britain play Pakistan again and from there to Cardiff where Pakistan, Britain, Wales and Malaysia take part in a four nations tournament on August 31 and September 1. For the Glasgow match, Hacker, Mayer and Nick Thompson will replace Davis, Nicklin and Kerly.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD (for Prescot): S Rowlands (Havant), D Luckes (E Grinstead), D Faulkner (Havant), P Bolland (Hounslow), R Davis (St Albans), J Potter (Hounslow), J Leslett (Teddington), S Nicklin (Slough), S Batchelor (E Grinstead), R Garcia (Havant), J Shaw (Southgate), R Thompson (Hounslow), S Kerly (Southgate), R Clift (E Grinstead), R Hill (Havant), D Williams (Havant).

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Sight too big for a giant screen

By Henry Kelly

SPORT ON TELEVISION
The Week in Review

IN THE end, the last day of the England v West Indies Test series had everything: a bowler forgot his batting gloves and a good batsman was out leg-before wicket when the sides were level; the Oval pigeons, English to a bird, having done their work on Sunday in getting rid of Dujon, went somewhere else for lunch and returned just in time for tea when the game ended; and before the final curtain could be brought down, well, wouldn't you know it, out came Ian Botham. And that was that.

The man has been in pantomime but his timing was learned by playing cricket. The crowds surged on to the pitch to cheer an England victory, as they had done so often in the past for West Indian successes. The emotion of the whole thing was enough to send you reaching for the dictionary of quotations.

Leave it to Oliver Goldsmith, who probably played a bit of cricket in his day in County Westmeath. He must surely have had in mind that, as we trundled to the Oval on Thursday, we couldn't have expected that, by four o'clock on Monday, there would still be 15,000 people at the ground cheering England home to victory. Yet the words Goldsmith wrote in *The Deserted Village* were more than apposite: "And fools who came to scoff, remained to pray."

Television, as usual, was there and frame perfect: even the by-play between Boycott and Tony Lewis had been becoming quite amusing. There were also two gimmicks brought to the game during the weekend. Though they are only by-products of the medium of television, let me at once point to their uselessness.

The first was the huge video screen that dominated the Oval. There to show replays, I never saw an umpire or a player look at it, and the weather was so good and the sunlight so strong, that no one in the ground could see it! Forget it.

Next, the weekend was meant to see an experiment by BSkyB, placing a small microphone on a megaphone called Mike Gatting during the Refuge Assurance League game against Derbyshire on Sunday. In the end, Gatts, maybe with an eye to trying to keep in the good books of the TCCB in case he's needed again some day, decided to comply with the Board's non-compliance with this nonsense.

And a good thing too. What next? A mike on the bowler and an ear-piece in the batsman's ear? This sort of thing belongs to the world of charity, drinking and fun cricket. Leave it there.

Without the excitement of the cricket, there was still plenty of good, meaty sporting stuff to watch over the last few days, perhaps the most remarkable of which was the golfing of young John Daly.

Late on Sunday night, I listened as Jack Nicklaus admitted that even in his own youth he had never hit a golf ball anything like the distance of the new whizz-kid.

Then, as if on cue, up flashed a set of statistics to show that on some of the longer holes, where seasoned American tour professionals and the best Europe has to offer were hitting four-and five-irons into the greens for their second shots, Daly was using eight-irons and wedges. On one hole, a senior — though not necessarily old — professional hit a four-wood for his second. Daly hit a seven-iron. Let's hope he makes the United States Ryder Cup team.

On Sunday afternoon, the BBC nipped in to cover live from Ireland, the main race on the card from Leopardstown. This was an excellent move and served to underline how daft they were not to cover the even more important Irish Derby from the Curragh earlier in the season.

We sighed with not unexpected disappointment as Nigel Mansell came second in Hungary and marvelled at the skills of the riders and horses at the Gatcombe Park three-day event. In the end, though, let's admit that the week and the weekend belonged to cricket.

Surely, no other sport will begrudge cricket its place in the sun after the five-Test series. Memories flood in and will stay: Tufnell's bowling on Saturday; Morris doing his version of the Fosbury flop to avoid the West Indian bouncers.

And over the whole thing, the entire crowd at the Oval rising as one man to salute Viv Richards who, for all his occasional bouts of sullen behaviour, has given so much pleasure to the game and its supporters over the years.

You didn't need a huge television screen for that. For the rest of your days, when recalled in your mind's eye, it will play your own personal video.

TENNIS

Javer refuses to use injury as an excuse

From Barry Wood in Los Angeles

MONIQUE Javer may need a skin graft after suffering a severe burn on her right leg. But the British player refused to blame the accident for her 7-5, 6-2 defeat by Ginger Helgeson in the first round of the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles tournament yesterday.

Javer spilt a cup of coffee, which soaked into the soft tracksuit bottoms she was wearing, and the fibres on the inside of the trousers stuck to her leg. She was virtually unable to move for three days.

"The skin still keeps bubbling, and I have ointment to loosen it, but when it dries it gets very tight and painful," Javer said. "It had absolutely nothing to do with me losing, but I couldn't do the kind of training that I wanted to do."

It was an ugly match, both players pounding the ball from the baseline. Helgeson, of the United States, won because she put the ball in court more often than Javer, who had no thoughts about changing her game. "My coach, Mike Estep, wanted me to try some of the things we have been working on," she said. "But I'm at my best when I'm not thinking, and just play my natural game. When I think, my footwork goes."

Her compatriot, Clare Wood, missed the opportunity to play Monica Seles when she lost 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 to Elna Reinach, of South Africa. She played beautifully controlled tennis in the first set, but after losing her first two service games in the second set from deuce, lost a little of her patience.

Sara Gomer was also beaten, slipping 6-3, 6-4 to Linda Ferrando, of Italy. Having failed to capitalise on four break points, Gomer was broken for 2-4, and then let a 4-1 lead in the second set evaporate.

RESULTS: First round: K Date (Japan) bt C Dahlman (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; S Martin (US) bt J Faull (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; E Reinach (SA) bt C Wood (GB), 5-7, 6-1, 6-3; Y Basuki (Indo) bt C Porwick (Ger), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt C Benjamin (US), 7-6, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt R Reichova (Cz), 6-4, 7-6; G Helgeson (US) bt M Javer (GB), 7-5, 6-2; P Kamstra (Neth) bt C Suire (Fr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; M Paz (Arg) bt E DeLone (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; S Rotter (Neth) bt M Endo (Japan), 6-2, 6-3; N van Lottum (Fr) bt S Stafford (US), 6-3, 6-4; N Herreman (Fr) bt C Tolesilos (NZ), 6-3, 6-1; L Fernando (It) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-3, 6-4; S Martin (US) bt J Faul (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; M Pierce (Fr) bt P Tarabini (Arg), 6-2, 4-6, 6-0

☐ Steve Bryan, ranked 184th in the world, beat the No. 11 seed, Anders Jarryd, 7-6, 6-1 yesterday in the opening round of the US hardcourt championship in Indianapolis. The top eight seeds, including the defending champion, Boris Becker, received first-round byes.

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Conditions favour Gai Bulga

NEWMARKET trainers mount a strong challenge on the Upavon Fillies' Stakes at Salisbury today, fielding six of the nine entries.

Pride of place should go to Geoffrey Wragg's Gai Bulga, who looks particularly well treated by the conditions of this event, and she is my nap.

With just a solitary Pontefract maiden victory to her credit this term, the daughter of Kris escapes a penalty, but some of her placed efforts have been in top company.

Gai Bulga has had a nice break since finishing a respectable fourth behind Third Watch in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot and previous to that she gave Ausherra a hard struggle before going down by a length in the Lingfield Oaks Trial.

My one reservation about Gai Bulga's chance today is that she reverts to a shorter trip, but her class should see her through.

MANDARIN

Alec Stewart's Al Theraab, who won well at Wolverhampton, may follow Gai Bulga home.

Salisbury has always been a happy hunting ground for Guy Harwood and the Pulborough trainer must have high hopes of capturing the Yarmouth Handicap with his lightly-weighted Duke Of Monmouth.

The Secreto colt had to work hard to get the better of Bee Beat and Wings Of Freedom in a Windsor handicap earlier this month following a Redcar maiden success, but he should take advantage of the 26lb he receives from Paul Cole's Kalmadene.

Barry Hills brings out Adjacent quickly after her fourth in a strongly-contested claimer at Haydock Park on Saturday. This filly was good enough to land a decent maiden at Bath earlier this term and she should outstay Seal Indigo in the Bembridge Claiming Stakes.

Seal Indigo's trainer, the in-form Richard Hannon, should be on the mark in the opening Sandown Maiden Stakes with Bletchley Park, who was a close-up fifth behind Isdar in the Windsor Castle Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The East Everleigh trainer should also be successful at Folkestone with Abso in the Wakefield Handicap. This three-year-old was caught in the last stride by Ain'tlifelikethat at Brighton last week and can receive swift compensation here.

John Reid, Abso's rider, may also collect the Hythe Maiden Stakes on the Wally Carter-trained Neptune's Pet, who has performed creditably in two handicaps recently. Rival Bid looks the danger here.



Wragg raids Salisbury with his filly Gai Bulga

At Beverley, Mary Reveley's Corn Lily can complete a treble in the Charles Elsey Memorial Trophy. The five-year-old mare followed up a smooth Ripon success with a victory on the turf at Southwell on Saturday and will take some pegging back here.

Another Saturday scorer was the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Sybillin who ran on strongly to land an apprentice handicap at Redcar. This versatile performer meets tougher opposition today, but can complete a speedy double.

Peter Makin's Cru Exceptionnel is preferred to Turbofan in the Max Jaffa Median Auction Maiden Stakes, while Elaine Bronson and Cathos should get back on the winning trail in the East Riding Yeomanry Trophy.

Blinkered first time

SALISBURY: 3.00 Mull House. 4.00 Royal Marriage. FOLKESTONE: 2.20 Glance Of Gold. 2.50 Spring Tern. 3.20 Inyoka Boy. 3.50 My Ruby Ring. 4.20 Llanthony. SOUTHWELL: 5.05 Aragon Court. BEVERLEY: 4.15 Cool Parade. 5.15 Farcots.

SALISBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Bletchley Park.	2.00 Bletchley Park.	3.00 Jahafil.
2.30 La Belle Vie.	2.30 HOW'S YER FATHER (nap).	
3.00 Duke Of Monmouth.	3.00 Duke Of Monmouth.	
3.30 GAI BULGA (nap).	3.30 Gai Bulga.	
4.00 Adjacent.	4.00 Adjacent.	
4.30 Iron King.	4.30 Nazare Blue.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Al Theraab.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 GAI BULGA.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F 212YD HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 SANDOWN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,691: 6f) (16 runners)

1	(13)	20	ANNAZIG 68 (Mrs T Moriarty) D Elsworth 9-0	W Carson	85
2	(2)	25	BLETCHLEY PARK 54 (BF) (D Dick) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham (5)	97
3	(11)		CRETOES DANCER (Mrs W Ong) W Muir 9-0	S Whitworth	—
4	(12)		FREEPHONE (Amity Finance Ltd) J Hills 9-0	R Hills	—
5	(14)	6	GRAND VITESSE 39 (R Whitworth) R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	78
6	(10)	0	LANDSTAR 21 (Mrs E Pyle) W Wightman 9-0	W Newnes	—
7	(15)		MISTER JOLSON (J Mursell) R Hodges 9-0	T Sprake	—
8	(5)		OSSIE (J Knowles) B Pelling 9-0	A Munro	—
9	(3)		POINCIANA (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0	A McGlone	—
10	(6)	4	POWERFUL EDGE 18 (J Smith) I Balding 9-0	R Cochrane	● 99
11	(7)		SPORTS VIEW (J Warner) R Holder 9-0	J Williams	—
12	(9)		TRUMPET (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-0	M Roberts	—
13	(1)	0	CHOPPY CHOPPY 14 (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	84
14	(16)		CLASSICAL CHARMER (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 8-9	R Price (5)	—
15	(4)	0000	MAYLES LASS 11 (Mrs M Philpot) J Bridger 8-9	Rachel Bridger (7)	—
16	(6)	0	NOMADIC ROSE 26 (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 8-9	L Dettori	80

BETTING: 11-10 Bletchley Park, 7-2 Powerful Edge, 6-1 Choppy Choppy, 12-1 Trumpet, Nomadic Rose, 16-1 Grand Vitesse, Freephone, Annazig, 20-1 others.

1990: BOLD BOSTONIAN 9-0 C Rutter (16-1) H Candy 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLETCHLEY PARK 2½l 5th to Isdar at Ascot (5f, good). Previously 12l 2nd to Dilum at Goodwood (6f, good to soft). ANNAZIG poor 11th. POWERFUL EDGE 8l 4th to Seattle Rhyme at Ascot (6f, good). NOMADIC ROSE strong finishing 3½l 7th to Walk In The Park at Newbury (5f 34yd, good).

FREEPHONE (Foaled Mar 8, cost $45,000) half-brother by Phone Trick, to several winners, including 1m 4f winner Royal Suitor. Entered in Middle Park.TRUMPET (Feb 27) by Dominion out of a miller who won 3 races at 3 years. Entered in Middle Park.
Selection: BLETCHLEY PARK

2.30 ISLE OF WIGHT HANDICAP (£2,868: 6f 212yd) (18 runners)

1	(11)	101604	CHEVEUX MITCHELL 18 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs C Wood) M Channon 4-10-0	R Hills	97
2	(16)	64-2084	CONQUISTA 40 (B) (Mrs P Lewis) Lady Herries 3-9-7	L Dettori	94
3	(4)	322126	HOW'S YER FATHER 8 (F,S) (Unity Farm Holiday) R Hodges 5-8-1	R Cochrane	94
4	(5)	06-60	GREY STARLING 88 (J Morrison) R Charlton 3-8-12	M Hills	84
5	(14)	20-2543	LA BELLE VIE 21 (D,F,G) (R Lawson) J Baker 5-8-11	G Carter	94
6	(10)	0034	SHAKE TOWN 15 (G) Harwood) G Harwood 3-8-8	J D Smith (7)	96
7	(15)	406580	SHADES OF VERA 21 (F) (A Parry) G Lewis 3-8-8	R Price (5)	92
8	(2)	004010	ALNASRIC PETE 4 (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 5-8-7	S O'Gorman (3)	94
9	(6)	0-05000	BALISHY 27 (F) (B Schaller) R Holder 4-8-6	J Williams	96
10	(6)	353000	BALLYSTATE 11 (B) (J Gaisford) C James 3-8-5	W Newnes	96
11	(18)	001304	PREMIER PRINCE 21 (D,F,G,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 5-8-0	A Munro	97
12	(17)	028205	MUSHY BOFF 27 (BF,S) (C Hill) C Hill 3-7-13	W Carson	● 99
13	(12)	60350-0	REVOKE 33 (A Newcombe) C Hill 4-7-11	N Adams	97
14	(3)	545053	PREPARE 16 (J Neville) R Holder 3-7-10	B Doyle (7)	96
15	(1)	45-0403	STARCHYS IMAGE 29 (B Morris) B Pelling 3-7-9	T Sprake	—
16	(13)	000-00	PURE BLISS 32 (Construction Services) R Hodges 4-7-7	J Lowe	97
17	(7)	0-00206	MAJOR JACKO 53 (B,D,F,S) (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-7-7	Wendy Jones (7)	87
18	(9)	0-00006	HONEY MILL 18 (H) (E Badger) O O'Neill 5-7-7	F Norton (5)	88

Long handicap: Major Jacko 7-0, Honey Mill 8-11.

BETTING: 9-2 Shake Town, 6-1 Alnasric Pete, 7-1 La Belle Vie, 8-1 How's Yer Father, Grey Starling, 10-1 Premier Prince, Shades Of Vera, 12-1 Mushy Boff, Starchys Image, 14-1 others.

1990: CHEVEUX MITCHELL 3-8-9 C Rutter (14-1) M Channon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHEVEUX MITCHELL 3l 4th to Sleepline-Fantasy at Ascot (1m, good). CONQUISTA 1½l 4th to Blue Aeroplane at Sandown (7f, good). SHADES OF VERA (3lb better off) 1½l 5th. HOW'S YER FATHER 3l 8th to Divine Pet at Brighton (5f 213yd, good to firm). LA BELLE VIE 4l 3rd to Joldat at Yarmouth (7f 2yd, good). PREMIER PRINCE 3½l 4th to Mango Manila at Sandown (7f 16yd, good to soft). SHADES OF VERA poor 8th. STARCHYS IMAGE 1l 3rd to Jolizal in Leicester seller (1m 6yd, good).
Selection: PREMIER PRINCE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	29	93	31.2	A Munro	5	23	21.7
L Cumani	6	21	28.6	R Price	6	29	20.7
A Stewart	5	20	25.0	R Cochrane	17	109	15.6
R Charlton	4	16	25.0	M Roberts	9	64	14.1
G Wragg	3	13	23.1	M Hills	6	46	13.0
I Balding	20	121	16.5	W Carson	18	141	12.8

3.00 YARMOUTH HANDICAP (£4,509: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

1	(4)	211-020	KALMADENE 19 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Kidd) P Cole 4-9-11	R Cochrane	95
2	(2)	12-3408	JAHAFIL 41 (G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-7	W Carson	97
3	(1)	100-606	MULL HOUSE 28 (B,F) (Mrs B Fecchino) J Sutcliffe 4-8-2	M Roberts	● 99
4	(3)	033220	CITY SOLACE 35 (C,F) (D Caruth) R Hannon 3-8-0	A Munro	98
5	(5)	011	DUKE OF MONMOUTH 11 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Harwood 3-7-13	G Carter	92

BETTING: 7-4 Duke Of Monmouth, 11-4 Kalmadene, 7-2 City Solace, Jahafil, 12-1 Mull House.

1990: KALMADENE 3-9-2 R Cochrane (13-8 fav) G Harwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

KALMADENE neck 2nd to Million Miles at Newmarket (2m 2½yd, good) on penultimate start. JAHAFIL set stiff tasks since finishing 3l 4th to Man From Eldorado in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm). MULL HOUSE, tailed off on three starts this term, won Newmarket handicap (2m 2½yd, good to firm) off 10lb higher mark last year. CITY SOLACE 4l 2nd to Carnival Baby here (1m 1f 209yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. DUKE OF MONMOUTH beat Bee Beat ½l in Windsor handicap (1m 3f 135yd, good). Previously won Redcar maiden (1m 3f, firm) by ½l from Mare de France.
Selection: KALMADENE

3.30 UPAVON FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,433: 1m 1f 209yd) (9 runners)

1	(4)	0-5181	ABDICATE 25 (F,G) (Kennet Valley Ltd) L Cumani 9-5	L Dettori	83
2	(6)	1143-5	SHIMMERING SEA 32 (F) (Miss K Rausing) W Hern 9-1	B Procter	81
3	(1)	5104	AFFAIR TO REMEMBER 28 (G) (T Pilkington) P Walwyn 9-0	W Carson	82
4	(2)	0-1	ALWAYS FRIENDLY 21 (D,S) (F Salman) H Candy 9-0	A Munro	88
5	(6)	0145-6	TISWA 78 (G) (A Ali) B Hanbury 8-12	—	82
6	(9)	51	AL THERAAB 16 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9	M Roberts	77
7	(7)	1224	GAI BULGA 55 (D,F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9	G Carter	● 99
8	(5)	0-20823	ELFASLAH 33 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-5	R Hills	84
9	(3)	42213-4	GLOWLAMP 12 (F) (Mrs S Rogers) B Hanbury 8-5	M Hills	93

BETTING: 10-11 Gai Bulga, 11-2 Glowlamp, 6-1 Al Theraab, 7-1 Always Friendly, 10-1 Abdicate, Shimmering Sea, 14-1 Affair To Remember, 16-1 others.

1990: MILL RUN 8-9 L Dettori (100-30) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABDICATE beat Redden Bum head in 6-runner limited handicap at Newmarket (1m, good) latest. SHIMMERING SEA 16½l last of 5 to Green Line Express in listed race at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good) on reappearance. AFFAIR TO REMBER 19½l 4th of 8 to Valleuris at Newbury (1m 2f 6yd, good) latest. ALWAYS FRIENDLY best Sherrog 5l in 7-runner Sandown (1m 2f 7yd, good to soft) maiden on reappearance. AL THERAAB beat Akkazao 1½l in 12-runner maiden at Wolverhampton (1m, good to firm) latest.

GAI BULGA 7½l 4th of 14 to Third Watch in the group II Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good). ELFASLAH neck 2nd to Princes Tara at Ascot (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start, with AFFAIR TO REMBER (6lb better off) 2½l 10th. Previously 5l 3rd to Carolea Express at Epsom (7f, good) with ABDICATE (3lb worse off) 8¾l 6th. GLOWLAMP 6½l 4th of 5 to Hyabella at Newmarket (1m, good) on reappearance.
Selection: GAI BULGA (nap)

4.00 BEMBRIDGE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,635: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1	(3)	3-58124	ADJACENT 4 (BF,G) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-0	M Hills	97
2	(4)	051343	SEAL INDIGO 34 (D,F) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-6	R Perham (5)	● 99
3	(5)	0	VALUED FRIEND 11 (T Thom) J Bridger 8-5	D Biggs (5)	—
4	(1)	0000-00	MARDIOR 49 (Mrs J Thomson) W Wightman 8-4	W Newnes	71
5	(6)	334053	MAMALAMA 13 (Mrs S Cook) L Holt 8-0	N Adams	85
6	(2)	4-50868	ROYAL MARRIAGE 12 (V) (P Warren) M Usher 7-12	F Norton (5)	71

BETTING: 4-6 Adjacent, 5-4 Seal Indigo, 16-1 Mamalama, 25-1 Royal Marriage, 33-1 Mardior, Valued Friend.

1990: SPRING TO GLORY 8-5 R Cochrane (20-1) I Balding 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADJACENT beat Designate 2½l in Bath maiden (1m 2f 49yd, good). Latest 4¾l 4th of 10 to Calachuchi at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm). SEAL INDIGO 2¾l 3rd of 9 to Palmer at Chepstow (1m 2f 36yd, good). MAMALAMA 7½l 3rd of 6 to Kikam here (1m 6f 17yd, good to firm) last time. ROYAL MARRIAGE 18l 6th of 14 to Read Bed here (1m, good to soft) in June, with MARDIOR (10lb worse off) 1l 7th. Latest 7½l 3rd of 8 to Smiles Ahead at Newmarket (1m 4f, good).
Selection: ADJACENT

4.30 FRESHWATER HANDICAP (£3,820: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(5)	210208	BALIGAY 9 (C,F,G) (H Darrell & Son Ltd) R Hodges 6-9-10	R Cochrane	● 99
2	(11)	253321	KABCAST 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Marshall) D Chapman 6-8-12 (7ex)	W Carson	98
3	(10)	653000	GALLANT HOPE 6 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs N Dutfield) B Millman 9-8-11	R Price (5)	98
4	(8)	60-0363	MARTINOSKY 20 (B,CD,F) (D Clark) W Wightman 5-8-6	W Newnes	92
5	(9)	103030	IRON KING 20 (CD,F,G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 5-8-5	A Munro	94
6	(6)	0-08653	TACHYON PARK 13 (B,D,F,G) (G Mursell) P Howling 9-8-5	M Roberts	93
7	(7)	200506	SHADES OF JADE 7 (W Wood) J Bridger 3-8-3	D Biggs (5)	95
8	(12)	3500-0	MISS CRUSTY 27 (bl Ash) O O'Neill 3-7-13	F Norton (5)	83
9	(2)	05-2050	KLAIROVER 27 (C Hill) C Hill 4-7-12	N Adams	84
10	(4)	455-535	PRECENTOR 78 (B,D,F) (Lord Westbury) J Bethell 5-7-11	R Hills	80
11	(1)	00-0000	DEEP REEF 96 (B,S) (Mrs M Rowe) J Baker 5-7-7	R Street	93
12	(3)	0-00053	NAZARE BLUE 27 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 4-7-7	—	91

Long handicap: Deep Reef 7-6, Nazare Blue 7-5.

BETTING: 9-2 Kabcast, 5-1 Martinosky, 6-1 Baligay, 7-1 Techyon Park, Iron King, 9-1 Klairover, 10-1 Gallant Hope, Nazare Blue, 12-1 Shades Of Jade, 14-1 Precator, 16-1 Others.

1990: GRAND PRIX 5-9-10 S Cauthen (7-2 jt-fav) D Elsworth 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BALIGAY 1½l 2nd of 15 to Red Rosein at Nottingham (6f 15yd, good to firm) latest. Finished 1½l 2nd to Fearwatt at Bath (5f 167yd, firm) in May, with PRECENTOR (18lb better off) 2½l 3rd and GALLANT HOPE (12lb better off) 1l 4th.

good to firm) latest. MARTINOSKY neck 3rd of 8 to Absa at Brighton (5f 213yd, good) latest, with IRON KING (2lb better off) 7¼l 7th. NAZARE BLUE 14l 3rd of 17 to How's Yer Father at Chepstow (6f 16yd, good to soft) latest, with MISS CRUSTY (12lb better off) 7¾l 8th and KLAIROVER (6lb better off) 1l 10th.
Selection: KABCAST

BEVERLEY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Dancing Monarch.	2.15 Northern Optimist.	4.15 SYBILLIN (nap).
2.45 Witches Coven.	2.45 Witches Coven.	
3.15 Corn Lily.	3.15 Corn Lily.	
3.45 Cathos.	3.45 Cathos.	
4.15 Sybillin.	4.15 Touch Above.	
4.45 Cru Exceptionnel.	4.45 Paper Dart.	
5.15 Spanish Performer.	5.15 Spanish Performer.	

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 AUGUST SELLING STAKES (£2,488: 7f 100yd) (10 runners)

1	(9)	005021	DANCING MONARCH 8 (F,G) (S Reeks) R Hollinshead 8-8-7	S Parks	● 99
2	(8)	005600	YOUNG JASON 7 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 8-8-7	A Culhane	85
3	(2)	000000	EVER SO SHARP 15 (B,F,G) (P Wheeler) J Smith 8-8-2	K Darley	77
4	(7)	12360-0	SUPREME COURT 8 (F) (M Dods) M Dods 4-8-2	R Lappin	80
5	(3)	000460	ALLEZ-OOPS 70 (F) (D Tate) A Smith 4-8-11	S Webster	76
6	(7)	52005-0	NIGHT CLUB 54 (B) (J Smith) J Smith 7-8-11	J Lowe	93
7	(5)	/000-0	AMY'S STAR 145 (Mrs J Wigham) P Wigham 5-8-6	V Smith	—
8	(10)	0005/05	CLIFTON GIRL 8 (Mrs L Tong) K White 5-8-6	M Wood	96
9	(4)	5100-00	NORTHERN OPTIMIST 19 (B,F) (A Bottomley) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-5	N Day	87
10	(6)	000-	GINA'S DELIGHT 252 (Mrs V McGeough) J Wharton 3-8-0	J Fanning (5)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Dancing Monarch, 9-2 Young Jason, 5-1 Northern Optimist, 6-1 Clifton Girl, 10-1 Night Club, 12-1 Gina's Delight, 20-1 others.

1990: EUROBLAKE 3-8-6 Alex Greaves (11-2) T Barron 12 ran

2.45 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (QUALIFIER) (2-Y-O: £2,856: 7f 100yd) (9 runners)

1	(4)	05065	WATCH ME GO 20 (12l Racing Club) Bob Jones 9-0	A Mercer	80
2	(5)	4	TALENTED TING 9 (M Wickens) P Haslam 8-10	Dean McKeown	—
3	(3)	0206	HOT PUNCH 7 (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 8-7	S Parks	88
4	(8)	4	WITCHES COVEN 20 (BF) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-7	D Holland	86
5	(7)	0	NUN THE WISER 12 (Furnace Mill Fun Club) J Berry 8-6	J Carroll	—
6	(6)	0040	SIBERIAN KING 15 (D Tate) A Smith 8-6	S Webster	71
7	(2)	0	MILLADOR 35 (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 8-3	N Day	—
8	(3)	06223	KADARI 12 (J Rookes) A Harrison 8-2	K Darley	● 99
9	(1)	02002	LORELEI 12 (B) (Mrs M Christien) M H Easterby 8-2	J Lowe	97

BETTING: 2-1 Kadari, 3-1 Witches Coven, 7-2 Talented Ting, 5-1 Milador, 8-1 Lorelei, 14-1 Hot Punch, 20-1 Watch Me Go, Nun The Wiser, 33-1 Siberian King.

1990: WESTFIELD MOVES 8-9 V Smith (Evens fav) H Collingridge 9 ran

3.15 CHARLES ELSEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,492: 1m 3f 216yd) (7 runners)

1	(3)	10-4361	CANNY CHRONICLE 46 (D,F,G) (News'le Ch'cle-Journal) M Tompkins 3-9-10	N Day	87
2	(2)	262533	MARGS GIRL 11 (C,F,G,S) (G Stephenson) T Fairhurst 4-8-9	J Fanning (5)	92
3	(5)	026000	TERNIMUS 19 (CD,F) (J Gaodmen) F Lee 4-8-5	S Parks	● 99
4	(7)	412542	THIMBALINA 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hartley) S Norton 5-8-5	O Pears (7)	96
5	(6)	0-22311	CORN LILY 4 (D,F,S) (Mrs S McDonald) Mrs G Reveley 5-8-4 (Bar)	J Lowe	89
6	(1)	612462	SMOKE 16 (CD,F) (W Sellers) J Parkes 5-7-12	N Carlisle	91
7	(4)	003630	TOPCLIFFE 8 (V,F) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-7-11	L Charnock	93

BETTING: 2-1 Corn Lily, 7-2 Canny Chronicle, 11-2 Thimbalina, 13-2 Margs Girl, 7-1 Smoke, 8-1 Terminus, 10-1 Topcliffe.

1990: TERNIMUS 3-9-8 B Raymond (11-4 jt-fav) C C Elsey 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B Hills	10	37	27.0	D Holland	3	19	15.8
R Boss	6	29	20.7	Alex Greaves	5	32	15.6
P Calver	4	25	16.0	K Darley	20	136	15.3
C W-Thomson	9	57	15.8	W Ryan	13	86	15.1
S G Norton	11	74	14.9	M Birch	33	238	13.9
M H Easterby	30	204	14.7	N Day	4	33	12.1

4.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (£3,882: 1m 1f 207yd) (11 runners)

1	(3)	002833	CALLIPOLI 26 (G) (BF) (Mrs B Long) John FitzGerald 4-9-10	J Fanning (5)	93
2	(8)	10-05	FLOATING LINE 83 (F) (Mrs J Wigham) P Wigham 3-9-2	S Webster	90
3	(6)	541236	AZUBAH 4 (BF,F) (A Birkle) G Moore 4-9-2	D Holland	96
4	(7)	022155	YOUNG GEORGE 18 (D,F,G) (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 4-9-0	G Baxter	94
5	(1)	008/21	SYBILLIN 4 (D,F) (Marquess de Montalla) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-8-12	M Birch	97
6	(9)	500164	COOL PARADE 18 (V,C,F) (P Bacon) S Norton 3-8-11	J Carroll	91
7	(5)	030482	TOUCH ABOVE 4 (CD,F) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 5-8-10	Alex Greaves	96
8	(4)	03304	VOODOO RHYTHM 39 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-7	Dean McKeown	● 99
9	(2)	002552	FIRST BID 23 (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 4-8-4	A Culhane	85
10	(10)	5314/30	PHALAROPE 7 (D,S) (Eastward Bulwick Hdgs Ltd) M H Easterby 3-8-1	J Lowe	91
11	(11)	300460	SHALFA 9 (R Olgiata) D Incisa 4-7-9	Kim Tinkler	95

BETTING: 7-2 Callipoli, 9-2 Sybillin, 11-2 Voodoo Rhythm, 7-1 Touch Above, 8-1 Azubah, 9-1 Young George, 10-1 First Bid, 16-1 Cool Parade, 20-1 Phalarope, 25-1 others.

1990: THIMBALINA 4-8-9 N Kennedy (9-2) S Norton 8 ran

4.45 MAX JAFFA MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,301: 1m 100yd) (7 runners)

1	(7)	6-0525	CRU EXCEPTIONNEL 11 (B Simpson) P Makin 9-0	W Ryan	95
2	(6)	0	OLD GLORY 132 (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
3	(5)	322000	PAPER DART 33 (Mrs J Wellinger) P Walwyn 9-0	G Baxter	● 99
4	(4)	63-8025	PERSUASEUS 18 (J Silvering) W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls	87
5	(1)	052-002	TURBOFAN 21 (A Waldie) J Hills 9-0	D Holland	93
6	(2)	0	VIRKON VENTURE 4 (Mrs J Auchincloss) M Tompkins 9-0	N Day	—
7	(3)	00850	L'ACQUESIANA 18 (M Jackson) S Bowring 8-8	S Webster	—

BETTING: 6-4 Cru Exceptionnel, 7-2 Turbofan, 4-1 Paper Dart, 8-1 Persuasius, 10-1 Old Glory, 14-1 others.

1990: RUDY'S FANTASY 9-0 B Raymond (2-7 fav) L Cumani 2 ran

5.15 ST JOHN AMBULANCE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,553: 5f) (12 runners)

1	(8)	5	DARK MIDNIGHT 86 (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 9-0	Dean McKeown	74
2	(7)	0	SAFARI SUNRISE 8 (P Savill) M W Easterby 9-0	K Darley	—
3	(9)	033333	FAROOTS 5 (V) (Mrs H Rowbotham) C Tinkler 8-12	M Birch	87
4	(4)	05	TOLLS CHOICE 89 (T Hughes) M W Easterby 8-12	L Charnock	—
5	(2)	3256	MURRAY'S MAZDA 34 (M Grubb) J Berry 8-10	J Carroll	88
6	(12)	0501	CAPITAL IDEA 15 (B,CD,F) (J Knibb) R Boss 8-9	W Ryan	94
7	(6)		HONEY DAY (S Bowring) S Bowring 8-5	S Webster	—
8	(3)	000	MISS MOVIE WORLD 12 (S Johnson) N Bycroft 8-5	A Culhane	—
9	(1)	6222	SPANISH PERFORMER 12 (S Harland) T Fairhurst 8-5	J Fanning (5)	● 99
10	(10)	0	TONG-LA-TEE 109 (S Green) C Thornton 8-3	G Baxter	—
11	(8)	54365	TOPCLASS LADY 5 (P Caplan) Miss L Perratt 8-3	J Lowe	92
12	(11)	152504	FAIR SHARE 50 (D,G) (W Blakey) R Stubbs 8-2	D Holland	90

BETTING: 2-1 Capital Idea, 5-1 Spanish Performer, 13-2 Farcots, 8-1 Murray's Mazda, 10-1 Topclass Lady, 12-1 Dark Midnight, 14-1 Tolls Choice, 16-1 Safari Sunrise, 20-1 others.

1990: ANONOALTO 8-12 E Guest (20-1) R Stubbs 11 ran

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — stopped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 EAST RIDING YEOMANRY CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (Amateurs: £2,427: 2m 35yd) (7 runners)

1	(7)	006010	CATHOS 7 (BF,C,F,G,S) (Ken Brant) D Wilson 6-11-7	Elaine Bronson	91
2	(1)	5023/0-0	MO ICHI DO 20 (Miss S Wilton) Miss S Wilton 5-11-1	T Eley (5)	—
3	(2)	50411	HORIZON 28 (B,F,G) (Mrs S Thomson Jones) T Thomson Jones 3-10-8	G Hallas (7)	● 99
4	(3)	3625/0-	VALIANT DASH 27 (F,S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 5-9-8	Deborah Kettlewell (7)	—
5	(4)	50-0003	KING WILLIAM 12J (C,F) (Group 1 Racing 1991) J Spearing 5-9-3	Teresa Spearing (5)	98
6	(5)	5606-13	WINDWARD ARIOM 14 (Mrs A Drury) N Bycroft 5-9-3	Amanda Bycroft (7)	98
7	(6)	000500	SMILING BEAR 15 (E Judge) A Potts 8-9-0	Sarah Judge (7)	—

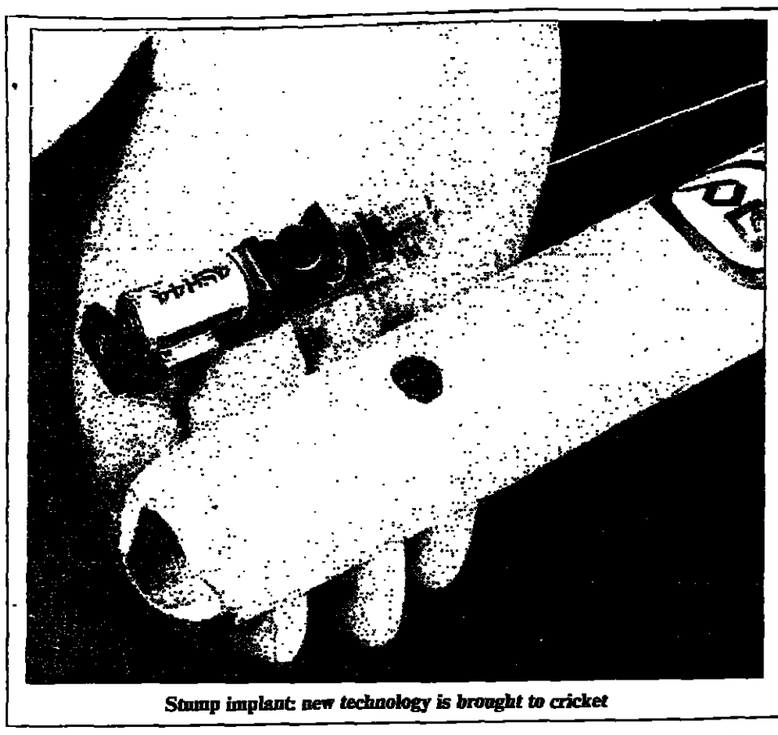
Long handicap: Smiling Bear 8-7.

BETTING: 9-4 Windward Ariom, 11-4 Horizon, 3-1 Cathos, 5-1 King William, 12-1 Valiant Dash, 16-1 Mo Ichi Do, 25-1 Smiling Bear.

1990: CASUAL FLASH 3-11-7 Miss C Balding (13-8) I Balding 4 ran

4.30 BEVERLEY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,610: 6f) (15)

1		4535	DO THE BUSINESS 6 C Allen 8-11	G Forster (7)	9
2		02	FLIM FLAM ALY 8 (B) Mrs N Macauley 8-11	J Marshall (7)	7
3		50	GREEN'S EXHIBIT 21 R Akehurst 8-11	A Clark	15
4		005	INJAKA BOY 23 (B) R Hannon 8-11	J Reid	10
5		503	MAGNETIC PRINCE 53 G Blum 8-11	—	5



Stump implant: *new technology is brought to cricket*

Microphone debate not silenced

Fielders wearing microphones will take viewers ever nearer the action in cricket's World Cup next year. Ivo Tennant reports on the latest televised innovations

ALTHOUGH Sky Television's endeavours to have Mike Gatting wear a microphone on the field last weekend were scuppered by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) it is, nonetheless, hoping to implement this during its coverage of the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand in the new year. It would like, too, to introduce other new television techniques next summer. The idea is to take the viewer as close as possible to the pitch without impinging on the players.

Gatting, who may well work in television when he retires from cricket, would have been quizzed by the commentators between overs as to his views on the state of the Sunday league match, between Middlesex and Derbyshire. The microphone would have been turned off during an over. For this, he would not have been paid. The two counties sanctioned the idea but it contravened the TCCB's policy banning microphones on the field.

"The feeling among Board members is that this does not add anything to television coverage," a TCCB spokesman said. "There have been unfortunate experiences in Australia and New Zealand with microphones in the stumps picking up bad language and players have to rely on someone turning them off at the right moment. They can also make a strange twangy noise."

Had Gatting, who was captaining Middlesex, made comments during the course of an over, these would not have gone further than the production van. Yet, as with a live interview, there would have been no censorship of his remarks to the commentators, Henry Blofeld and Geoffrey Boycott, at the end of the over. As with any other cricketer, his equanimity or use of language might have been tested after a controversial incident, even though he would have been intent on remaining dignified. "I would have been happy to be a guinea pig but cannot say whether or not it was a good idea since I was not put to the test," he said. The microphone would not have been worn while he was batting.

For its coverage of the Sunday league next year, Sky is looking to mount cameras inside batsmen's helmets. The effectiveness of this will depend on a batsman keeping his head still at the point of delivery, which the best players do. Whether or not this will pass muster with the TCCB is, of course, another matter.

Assuming they have the co-operation of the Boards of Australia and New Zealand, Sky intends to use various other techniques during the World Cup. These include a camera in a stump – Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler, broke one in Australia last winter – a microphone in a stump, a telestrator that rings fielders in white on the screen (as used by the BBC during Test matches this summer) and graphics detailing what is meant by, say, an outswinger or a ball that is short of a length. All will be spelled out to the uninitiated. These graphics were used during the Benson and Hedges Cup final.

The TCCB's dislike of microphones on the field stems from an experiment with inserting them in stumps during Sunday league matches last year. Yet, it has no objection to the use of a camera in a stump. Last year, Granada Television experimented with this during a match between Lancashire and Yorkshire. "We are covering the World Cup exclusively for the UK and may be negotiating some big deals with the TCCB so we will keep hammering away at them to change their policy," a Sky spokesman said. "All sorts of graphics and camera and sound techniques are now being used which have not been seen in England."

NatWest Trophy semi-finals provide similar contrasts

Sri Lanka to face a testing line-up

By RICHARD STREETON

SELECTION for the winter tours and the World Cup in Australasia are the main incentives for the England A team when they meet Sri Lanka in two one-day internationals at Old Trafford, today and tomorrow. The Sri Lankans are in good heart after an encouraging win against Somerset on Monday which ended a modest start to their tour.

Sri Lanka have always been capable of causing upsets in limited-overs matches – the basic diet in their domestic programme. In the absence of their Test side in New Zealand, they still won four of the five one-day internationals at home against England A last winter. The present team's attributes could be well suited to the hard, bouncy pitch at Old Trafford.

Their attacking batsmen, like de Silva, Gurusinha, Jayasuriya and Kuruppu, should be able to play their strokes and they have the spinners to capitalise on the turn which should become available. Both sides expect to give everyone in their squads at least one match.

The Sri Lankans face a severe examination against mostly experienced opponents, led by Martyn Moxon, whose man-management skills have emerged so successfully since becoming the Yorkshire captain. Until Malcolm withdrew yesterday, with a shoulder injury, eight of the England players were aged 27 or more. At the other end of the age scale, Hussain and Ward are 23 and Cork 20, and they are now joined by Malcom's replacement, Peter Martin, who is 22.

Moxon, at 31, is the oldest member of the side and must now be considered the front-runner to lead the A team this winter in the Caribbean. His opening partner today will be Ward, whose penchant for clean striking has in no way been dimmed by opening for Kent.

Goodness knows what odds might have been available in April against Hick playing in these two games. His problems against the West Indian fast bowlers, however, created the need for technical readjustments. Not much will be proved either way, one feels, in these two fixtures. Johnson, whose forceful approach has consistently brought him runs this season, deserves his chance. The other batsmen are Fairbrother and Hussain, whose qualities are well known. Marsh, aged 30, is the wicketkeeper.

Watkinson, who is also 30, has an opportunity to answer those who query whether, as an all-rounder, he is good enough either as batsman or bowler for the game's higher levels. A similar question mark hangs over Illingworth, the slow left arm spinner. Such has been given the off-spinning role, while Pick and Martin will share the new ball.

ENGLAND A: M D Moxon (Yorkshire, capt), G A Hick (Worcestershire), T R Ward (Kent), N H Fairbrother (Lancashire), N Hussain (Essex), P Johnson (Nottinghamshire), M Watkinson (Lancashire), S A Marsh (Kent), R K Illingworth (Worcestershire), R A Pick (Nottinghamshire), D G Cork (Derbyshire), P M Such (Essex), P J Martin (Lancashire).
SRI LANKA (from): P A de Silva, A P Gurusinha, F S Ahangama, S D Anurasiri, M S Atapattu, U C Hathurusingha, S T Jayasuriya, R S Kaluwitharana, D S B P Kuruppu, M A W R Madurasinghe, R S Mahanama, M Muralidaran, H C P Ramanayake, R J Ratnayake, H P Tillakaratne, K I W Wijegunawardene.
Umpires: J H Hampshire, and D O Oslear.

FIXTURES

NatWest Trophy Semi-finals

10.30, 60 overs per side

THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Hampshire.

One-day tour match

11.00

OLD TRAFFORD: England A v Sri Lanka.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Beaconsfield: Buckinghamshire v Shropshire. Toft: Cheshire v Wales.Marsh: Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire. Torquay: Devon v Oxfordshire.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Usk: Glamorgan v Yorkshire. Coltingham: Nottinghamshire v Sussex. Weston-super-Mare: Somerset v Middlesex. Walmley: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire. Halesowen: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.

City clubs have to see off underdogs hungry for success

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

FOR Surrey and Warwickshire, two big-city clubs with Test match grounds, money in the bank and the county championship very much in their sights, today's semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy are an exciting bonus, nice work if you can get it. For their opponents, Northamptonshire and Hampshire, this is a day of reckoning for the players, the captains and the bank balance.

Desperation is not always the most reliable emotion on which to predict winners but it undoubtedly has a bearing on days such as this. If the two underdogs are beaten today, their season will be at an end and, at least in the case of the high-profile, high-spending Northamptonshire, that could have severe repercussions. Allan Lamb has had a miserable enough summer without renewed speculation over his job at county level, but lose today and he must know it will arise.

For Hampshire, too, it is a watershed game. A generation of players is all but broken up and, of those who remain, Chris Smith is about to depart for a lucrative marketing post in Australia. They have some fine young players and, in Mark Nicholas, one of the country's more enduring captains. But they badly need some success.

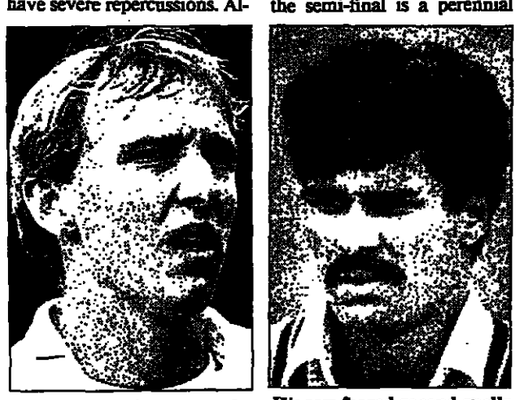
These two counties offer up some eccentric failures. Northamptonshire have reached the final of the NatWest three times but never won it while, for Hampshire, the semi-final is a perennial stumbling block. This is their seventh in all, and their fourth in consecutive years. Nobody at the club needs reminding that they have lost the lot up to now.

It is not in the interests of either team to be drawn away. Hampshire, who fancied they could beat any of the surviving sides at Southampton, have the trickiest mission available, for Warwickshire's Edgbaston pitch has, this season, been a delight for seam bowlers and attritional batsmen. The home side has plenty of both, as one might expect, but Hampshire's strengths in one-day cricket are their strokeplaying batsmen, well versed in pacing some improbable run-chases, and two skilful spin bowlers.

Nicholas is unlikely to abandon the slow bowling tactic today for Shaun Udal, in particular, has made a huge impression during this competition. His seam bowling alternatives are also not especially tempting, although the teenage Pakistani, Aqib Javed, will again be risked with a stress fracture of his left foot.

Aqib took four wickets in the quarter-final defeat of Nottinghamshire and has since been nursed with this match in mind, playing no competitive cricket but coming through a searching net practice earlier this week. He is not in the pace bracket of Warwickshire's Allan Donald, who is recovered from back trouble, but he does give Hampshire's bowling edge.

Although their 40-overs form is dreadful, Hampshire have excelled at the 60-over game, their dismissal of Lancashire being clinically impressive. There are some appetising treats in store today, such as Donald and Munton against Robin Smith and Gower, but I fancy Hampshire have enough batting and enough determination to overcome a side that has begun to go off the boil and whose captain, Andy Lloyd, admitted yesterday: "The championship is our priority."



Donald: formidable speed

Waqar: feared second spells

SEMI-FINAL TEAMS

WARWICKSHIRE (from)	
A J Moles	
J D Ratcliffe	N M K Smith
*T A Lloyd	†K J Piper
D P Ostler	G C Small
D A Reeve	T A Munton
Asif Din	A A Donald
P A Smith	J E Benjamin

SURREY (from)	
D J Bicknell	*I A Greig
J D Robinson	M P Bicknell
†A J Stewart	Waqar Younis
D M Ward	A J Murphy
G P Thorpe	J Boiling
M A Lynch	M A Feltham

HAMPSHIRE (from)	
V P Terry	
C L Smith	†A N Aymes
R A Smith	S D Udal
D I Gower	C A Connor
*M C J Nicholas	R J Maru
K D James	K J Shine
J R Ayling	Aqib Javed

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (from)	
A Fordham	R G Williams
W Larkins	†D J Ripley
R J Bailey	A J Walker
*A J Lamb	J P Taylor
D J Capel	N G B Cook
K M Curran	N A Felton
E A E Baptiste	A L Penberthy

FINAL TEST AVERAGES

ENGLAND: batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R A Smith	4	7	2	416	148*	83.20	2	2	2/–
A J Stewart	1	2	1	69	38*	69.00	–	–	4/–
C C Lewis	2	3	1	125	65	62.50	–	1	3/–
G A Gooch	5	9	1	480	154*	60.00	1	2	6/–
I T Botham	2	1	1	35	31*	35.00	–	–	3/–
M R Ramprakash	5	9	0	210	29	23.33	–	–	3/–
P A J DeFreitas	5	8	1	134	55*	19.14	–	1	1/–
D R Pringle	4	7	0	128	45	18.28	–	–	1/–
D V Lawrence	2	3	0	47	34	15.66	–	–	–/–
R K Illingworth	2	4	2	31	13	15.50	–	–	1/–
A J Lamb	4	7	0	88	29	12.57	–	–	7/–
H Morris	2	4	0	50	44	12.50	–	–	1/–
R C Russell	4	7	0	73	46	10.42	–	–	5/–
M A Atherton	5	9	0	79	32	8.77	–	–	3/–
D E Malcolm	2	3	1	9	5*	4.50	–	–	1/–
S L Watkin	2	3	0	8	6	2.66	–	–	–/–
P C R Tufnell	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	–	–	–/–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
P A J DeFreitas	185.5	55	457	22	20.77	4-34	–	–
I T Botham	27	8	67	3	22.33	2-40	–	–
P C R Tufnell	60.3	9	175	7	25.00	6-25	1	–
D R Pringle	126.1	33	322	12	26.83	5-100	1	–
S L Watkin	36	4	153	5	30.60	3-39	–	–
C C Lewis	79	20	201	6	33.50	6-111	1	–
D V Lawrence	78.1	7	350	10	35.00	5-106	1	–
G A Hick	24	5	65	2	47.50	2-77	–	–
R K Illingworth	58.4	10	213	4	53.25	3-110	–	–
D E Malcolm	42.3	3	180	3	60.00	1-9	–	–
G A Gooch	8	1	14	0	–	–	–	–

WEST INDIES: batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
R B Richardson	5	10	1	495	121	55.00	2	3	4/–
I V A Richards	5	8	1	376	80	53.71	–	5	4/–
D L Haynes	5	10	3	323	75*	46.14	–	3	2/–
C L Hooper	5	9	2	271	111	38.71	1	2	9/–
C B Lambert	1	2	0	53	39	26.50	–	–	2/–
A L Logie	4	5	0	120	78	24.00	–	1	4/–
M D Marshall	5	7	1	116	67	19.33	–	1	–/–
P V Simmons	5	10	0	181	38	18.10	–	–	4/–
P J L Dujon	5	7	0	89	33	12.71	–	–	17/–
C A Walsh	5	7	0	66	18	9.42	–	–	–/–
B P Patterson	3	5	3	11	5*	5.50	–	–	1/–
C E L Ambrose	5	7	0	37	17	5.28	–	–	–/–
I B A Allen	2	2	2	5	4*	–	–	–	1/–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
C B Lambert	0.4	0	4	1	4.00	1-4	–	–
C E L Ambrose	249	68	560	28	20.00	6-52	2	
M D Marshall	172.1	36	442	20	22.10	4-33	–	
B P Patterson	117.3	20	389	13	29.92	5-81	1	
C A Walsh	187	42	493	15	32.86	4-84	–	
I B A Allen	47	4	180	5	36.00	2-69	–	
C L Hooper	64	13	137	2	68.50	1-10	–	
I V A Richards	5	1	6	0	–	–	–	
P V Simmons	3	0	7	0	–	–	–	

All statistics compiled by Richard Lockwood. Source: TCCB/Bull

WEST INDIES TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
C L Hooper	15	23	8	1282	156	85.46	4	7	19/–
R B Richardson	14	24	5	1290	135*	67.89	6	5	12/–
I V A Richards	12	18	4	817	131	58.35	1	6	9/–
C B Lambert	6	11	2	452	116	50.22	1	3	4/–
D L Haynes	13	22	5	721	151	42.41	1	4	4/–
P J L Dujon	11	14	3	439	142*	39.90	1	2	22/–
P V Simmons	14	25	1	885	136	36.40	3	4	10/–
B C Lara	8	12	0	341	93	28.41	–	3	9/–
A L Logie	12	17	1	433	78	27.06	–	3	7/–
C G Greenidge	2	4	1	72	26	24.00	–	–	1/–
M D Marshall	10	11	2	196	67	21.77	–	1	–/–
D Williams	6	5	1	83	35	20.75	–	–	22/3
I B A Allen	10	5	4	16	8	16.00	–	–	8/–
H A G Anthony	11	8	3	75	33*	15.20	–	–	7/–
C A Walsh	11	8	1	88	18	9.42	–	–	–/–
C E L Ambrose	10	8	1	53	17	7.57	–	–	1/–
B P Patterson	11	5	3	11	5*	5.50	–	–	4/–

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i	10m
C B Lambert	1.4	1	4	1	4.00	1-4	–	–
C E L Ambrose	390	122	869	51	17.03	8-52	3	–
M D Marshall	261.1	51	706	28	25.21	4-33	–	–
C L Hooper	305	68	895	25	39.76	4-49	–	–
B P Patterson	297.3	68	912	22	29.50	5-81	2	–
C A Walsh	334.5	75	915	20	31.55	4-39	–	–
H A G Anthony	222.3	30	976	20	33.76	3-28	–	–
P V Simmons	74	16	283	6	43.83	2-34	–	–
I B A Allen	217.4	35	811	16	50.68	2-61	–	–
I V A Richards	47	8	161	2	80.50	1-32	–	–
R B Richardson	5	2	6	0	–	–	–	–
B C Lara	8	1	36	0	–	–	–	–

MARC ASPLAND



Heads we win: Adrian Ellison leads the British coxed four in training yesterday

Redgrave has high hopes

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

THE leading four British men's crews leave for the world rowing championships in Vienna tomorrow with the advantage of 18 days' altitude training behind them. The training, undertaken at Silveretta in the Austrian Alps, was introduced by Jurgen Gröbler, the team's technical adviser, and strictly monitored by Giles Warrington, a physiologist at the British Olympic medical centre.

Blood sampling, lactate tests and pulse measurements became a daily routine for the oarsmen, interspersed with rowing, weight training and mountain walking. Compulsory rest was introduced when the blood tests indicated fatigue.

Gröbler was involved with altitude training with East German crews for 20 years, and used Silveretta through the 1980s with both his medal-winning men's and women's crews. However, for the British squad, this was an innovation.

Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the leading British coxless pair, who experimented with night training before the championships in Tasmania last year, were encouraged by the exercise, but Redgrave had misgivings concerning the performances of some foreign crews, who mistimed their return to sea-level competition and suffered accordingly.

"The East Germans never seemed to have a problem with the altitude when they came down," he said. "Everyone seemed to do better at the world championships than they did at Lucerne, and this seemed to be the ideal opportunity to try altitude this year with someone of the experience of Jurgen."

Gröbler considers that optimum benefits occur from the fourteenth to the twentieth days after returning to sea level. The racing in Vienna starts next Monday.

CYCLING

Germans rapidly revise the standards

From PETER BRYAN IN STUTTGART

CHRIS Boardman, the 5,000 metres world record-holder, was having to rethink his approach to the 4,000 metres pursuit world championship here yesterday following extraordinary times by two Germans in the qualifying round.

After 19 competitors had ridden a 4,000 metres time trial, Boardman held second place to Jan-Bo Pedersen, of Denmark, who was almost two seconds faster than the British champion's personal best of 4min 31.499sec.

But by the time Jens Lehmann and Michael Glockner of Germany had ridden, world standards had changed dramatically. Glockner, with the fastest opening kilometre – 1min 07.508sec – of the series, recorded 4:22.602 and then his team mate went even faster, finishing his 14 laps of the wooden track in 4:22.152.

Boardman finally finished fifth fastest and was drawn to meet Pedersen in the quarter-final. If there was a weakness in his qualifying ride, the first kilometre showed that he was only fourteenth fastest at that point. Boardman knows that his starting technique needs urgent improvement.

The difference in times between the top two Germans and Boardman is not something he can remedy immediately. His target was to get inside a 4:30; he should be capable of that in the next round and, unless he becomes demoralised by the speed of the men who beat him yesterday, there is still the chance of a medal at the end.

The rest of yesterday's programme saw the exit of Britain's three sprinters, none of whom gained a place in the last 24 of the 200-metre flying start time trial. Eddie Alexander, 25th, was eliminated by 0.001sec. Claire Rushworth went into the next round, finishing eighteenth of the 19 starters.

RESULTS

MEN: PROFESSIONAL SPRINT: Qualifiers for second round: M Hübner (Ger), 10.48sec; S Pate (Aus), 10.54; C Hall (Aus), 10.55; F Colas (Fr), 10.58; C Golfinelli (It), 10.63; N Vaia (US), 10.79; W McCarney (Aus), 10.79; V Ceci (It), 10.82; K Namigata (Japan), 10.83; E Sakamoto (Japan), 10.83; P Da Rocha (Fr), 10.94; M Takizawa (Japan), 10.95; M Alexandre (Arg), 11.15; D Glebken (Ger), 11.24.

AMATEUR 4KM INDIVIDUAL PURSUIT: Qualifiers for quarter-finals: J Lehmann (Ger), 4min 22.152sec; M Glöckner (Ger), 4:22.602; V Baturo (USSR), 4:26.295; J-B Petersen (Den), 4:29.336; C Boardman (GB), 4:31.499; C Mathy (Bel), 4:31.882; G McLeay (NZ), 4:31.988; P Ermenault (Fr), 4:32.287.

AMATEUR SPRINT: Qualifiers for second round: B Huck (Ger), 10.183sec; K Harnett (Can), 10.282; J Fiedler (Ger), 10.288; G Nattrass (Aus), 10.420; K Carpentier (US), 10.481; J-M Moreno (Sp), 10.500; G Capitano (It), 10.598; D Lamyre (Fr), 10.628; R Scuppa (It), 10.631; E Schoefs (Bel), 10.638; F Magne (Fr), 10.663; C Schink (Ger), 10.669; O Saito (Japan), 10.691; H Thuet (Fr), 10.720; F Perle (It), 10.77; I Schelnaki (USSR), 10.740; J Andrews (NZ), 10.743; J Jerabek (Cz), 10.748; L-B Nielsen (Den), 10.749; E Tsourovski (USSR), 10.751; J-A Escudero (Sp), 10.791; B Dandamel (Den), B Gullach (Den), 10.814; P Buran (Cz), 10.827.

WOMEN: AMATEUR SPRINT: Qualifiers for second round: E Saloumisse (USSR), 11.374sec; A Neumann (Ger), 11.437; I Gautheron (Fr), 11.506; G Enukhina (USSR), 11.524; F Ballanger (Fr), 11.527; R Dupret (US), 11.542; C Panasiouvin-Young (US), 11.550; I Hanipa (Neth); Lingmei Zhou (China), 11.562; S Wolke (Ger), 11.633; Xuemei Wang (China), 11.662; N Even (Fr), 11.698; Z Ote (Japan), 12.032; T Duff (NZ), 12.182; Y Suzuki (Japan), 12.234; A Gordes (Pol), 12.373; Hsiu-Chen Yang (Taiwan), 12.604; C Rushworth (GB), 12.624, LI-Lin Pan (Taiwan), 13.283.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Warrington rejected by Shelford

KELLY Shelford, the New Zealand international half back, has told Warrington he no longer wishes to play for them when his contract with the Auckland club, Otahuhu, expires next month (Keith Macklin writes).

The Rugby Football League had settled a dispute between Warrington and Bradford Northern, who claimed to have signed Shelford on a three-year contract.

Of the 7,000 tickets sold for the CIS Charity Shield match between Wigan, the champions, and Hull, the premiership winners, at Gateshead a week on Sunday, 6,000 have been sold locally. David Howes, the public affairs executive of the league, said. A capacity crowd of 11,500 is expected.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Thompson takes lead role

By JANE WYATT

THE Great Britain men's goalball team failed to secure entry to the Paralympics in Barcelona next year when it finished eleventh in the European championships at Lahti in Finland. However, the women's team is still in with a chance, having performed particularly well to finish fourth behind Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

Much of the team's success was due to consistent defensive play by Tess Thompson, from Birmingham. In the eight games she was on court Britain conceded two goals, but in the game she missed, against Sweden, her team went down 7-1.

Several matches were decided by shoot-outs after extra time. Britain only conceded the semi-final to Finland 1-0 after a shoot-out. In the final, between Sweden and Finland, even that method failed to separate the teams, Sweden eventually winning in a sudden-death play-off.

The men were frustratingly inconsistent. They managed a dazzling 5-1 win over Hungary, who eventually took the bronze medal, only to be defeated 5-1 by the Swedes, who finished fifteenth. The champions were Israel, with a strong defensive side which halted the goal-hungry Italian team. Finland were fourth.

Four Eastern European countries, including the Soviet Union, are among 16 teams taking part in the European sitting and standing volleyball championships which begin today in Nottingham. It is the first time Great Britain has hosted the event, which is a qualifier for the 1992 Paralympics. The British standing team hopes to consolidate its position, having won bronze medals in the last world championships. The sitting team is competing for the first time.

Fifty archers from various disability groups will compete in the national championships at the Dunchurch College of Management, near Rugby, this weekend. The hosts, West Midlands, will be attempting to win the team event for the sixth successive year.

Sandy Gregory, of Glasgow, has the national record he set last year to protect, and Pat Rook, from Wolverhampton, will defend her women's title. In the section for archers with visual handicaps, Adrian Bass, from Northampton, and Pam Hackett, from Altrincham, hope to successfully defend their titles.

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United States take lead as conditions worsen

Fickle winds may alter the destiny of Admiral's Cup

By Barry Pickthall

THE outcome of the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup was in the lap of wind gods last night as the eight-nation fleet struggled line abreast to make any headway in the feeble winds experienced 40 miles west of Bishop Rock during the return leg of the Fastnet race back to Plymouth.

First on the water was the French 50-footer, Corum Saphir, still enjoying the 45-mile break her crew had won on the fleet before rounding the Fastnet Rock. As she was approaching the Bishop Rock off the Scilly Isles at 4.30pm yesterday, the remainder of the 23-strong fleet was a mixture of One Tonners, Two Tonners and 50-footers. It required a computer to sort out the small differences within the tightly bunched fleet that have lifted the United States team ahead of the Italians in the overall standings, and seen the British three-boat team slump to fourth behind France.

Showing just how the winds, or lack of them, have turned this race inside out, the Danish One Tonner, Zurich Forsikring, was lying fifth overall last night, ahead of all her larger Two Ton rivals, while two 50-footers, Tuborg, from Denmark, and Cyclone, from Australia, trailed at the back of the fleet.

The computer gave Larouge, of Italy, the lead in the Two Ton fleet, placing her a mile closer to Bishop Rock than the RAF's Wings of Oracle and leading Danish entry, Unibank. Among the One Tonners, Corum Rubis, from France, was apparently leading her class, which, combined with the performance of her 50-foot team colleague, was enough to lift the French above the British team for the first time.

More importantly, David Clarke's American One Ton world champion, Vibes, had recovered from sixth to second,helping to lift the United States team to the top of the overall leader board, despite the fact that no contact was made yesterday afternoon with the American 50-footer, Champosa.

The order behind Corum Saphir was Will (Japan), Container (Germany) and Juno V, of Britain, holding fourth place. Mike McIntyre, Juno's skipper, said during his position report that is was impossible to tell who was ahead of whom, or what would happen next. There ware boats all around, continually shifting position as they criss-cross each other to try to find an advantage.

Britain's fortunes were not helped last night by Port Pendennis's sixth place among the One Ton standings, or the excellent performance of Wings of Oracle, which had rounded the Fastnet Rock 48 minutes ahead of her nearest class rival, then seen it all set to naught by the fickle breezes.

Last night, there was little cheer from the weather forcasters. As Raul Gardini's maxi yacht, Passage, swept in to Plymouth under spinnaker to take line honours shortly before 5.30pm, the weathermen could promise no more than 3-4 knots of wind through the night.

☐ The final result of the Class I IOR series during Cowes week proved that John Taylor, on Advocate, was the overall winner, and not Ulrich Mathieson's HRG5, as was first reported.

Under the Combined Cowes Clubs complicated sailing regulations, the two yachts were tied for first place on points at the end of the week and were still level after the comtback of total first and second places. The deadlock was only broken when the final race was taken into consideration when Advocate came second and HRG5 came sixth.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 4.30pm yesterday): 50ft class: 4, Corum Saphir (P Mas, Fr); 2, Will (T Toya, Japan); 3, Container (S Balding, Ger); 4, Juno V (M McIntyre, GB). Two Ton class: Equal 1, Corum Rubis (P Dellumeau, Fr) and Bembelgumbie (K Jacobs, Aus); 3, Brawura (R Towse, US); equal 4, Wings of Oracle (S Chichetley, GB) and Unibank (V Greulich, Den). One Ton Class: 1, Zurich Forsiding (J Hoest, Den); equal 2, Vibes (D Clarke, US) and Brava (F cis Angelis, It); 4, Shardana II (G Lucas, Aus); 5, Corum Diamant (X Philpon, Fr). Overall positions: 1, United States, 134.63pts; 2, Italy, 134.38; 3, France, 131.25; 4, Britain, 122.88; 5, Denmark, 112.13; 6, Germany, 97; 7, Australia, 77.63; 8, Japan, 65.75.



Life in the fast lane: Bill Huck, the German sprint cyclist, on his way to setting a world amateur record of 10.18sec in the 200 metres heats at the world championships in Stuttgart yesterday. Report and results, page 32

EQUESTRIANISM

Inspired Moore grabs at chance

By Jenny Macarthur

OWEN Moore won the competitive open intermediate section at the Everdon Horse Trials in Northamptonshire yesterday, sponsored by John D Wood and Company, on the Dutch horse, Heerle's Another Luke. He had sat on the horse for the first time on Monday.

Moore, who capitalised on his excellent dressage mark with a clear round in the show jumping and cross country said he was "extremely flattered" when asked, last Sunday, if he would ride the horse. His usual rider, Andre van Spaendonck, had had three unsuccessful outings with the horse since arriving in England.

"He's a fantastic horse," Moore, who left Lars Sederholm's yard six weeks ago to run his own livery yard outside Chipping Norton, said after his win. "I started the cross country quite aggressively but the more I jumped the better he went."

The pair finished four points ahead of the runners-up, John Bowen on Gaffs Hill, who nearly missed competing altogether. Bowen, one of three riders to finish on a score of 44 but the fastest at cross country, had broken down on his way to the event.

He then had his horsebox filled up with water instead of diesel at a local garage. The organisers took sympathy on him and allowed him to compete out of order.

Sharon Lemon and Oli Nicholas, the winners of Bramham in 1990, and Diana Clapham, a former British team member, finished on the same score to take third and fourth place.

The two fastest rounds in the section came from Sarah Taylor, on Crown Lapis Lazula, and Sarah Cotton, on Hadrian's Pride, who finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Christopher Bartle, the former Olympic dressage rider, was also fast and clear over the testing Everdon ground to finish seventh on Willougby Good.

The world champion, Blyth Tait, had a less successful outing. He parted company from Pedro The Cruel, usually ridden by Mark Todd, at The Coffin.

The usually reliable horse was having only his second outing since his recovery from a near-fatal accident last November.

While the cross country course yesterday was widely praised, the show jumping course was criticised by several riders for being too flimsy and too small.

RESULTS: Open Intermediate: 1, Heerle's Another Luke (O Moore), 40, 2, Gaffs Hill (J Bowen), 44, 3, Oh Nicholas (S Lemon), 44=, 4, Cefnwalyo (D Clapham), 44. Intermediate section 5: 1, Conde d'Serafim (M Todd), 41. Novice Section 1: Blaston Britania (N Cory), 34. Novice Section 2: 1, Miss Manus (J Herbert), 31. Novice Section 3: Treasure Ireland (T Liddle), 30

MOTOR SPORT

Elliott is given a hard job

By Stephen Slater

AS A tribute to Paul Warwick, who died in a racing accident in July, another young British driver will complete the British Formula 3000 championship season in Warwick's place in the Mansell Madgwick Motorsport team.

Jason Elliott, aged 24, from Chesterfield, was nominated by Paul's elder brother, Derek, and the Mansell Madgwick team manager, Robert Synge, and is being supported by all of Paul Warwick's original sponsors and his team of five mechanics.

Elliott showed flashes of brilliance in his early days as a multiple Formula Ford champion and became a close friend of Paul's when they raced together in the Eddie Jordan Formula Three team in 1988.

His progress and ability were held up by a severe shortage of money, a fate similar to Warwick's before the start of this season.

"The last three weeks have been an emotional time for us all," Synge said. "Not an hour passes that our thoughts don't go back to Paul's time with the team, but Derek Warwick's compassion and understanding has been phenomenal. He realises that we must continue, trying to press forward from this tragedy."

All Blacks' vulnerabilities highlighted by Dwyer

By Peter Bills

PENNING an obituary for the All Blacks has been the preserve of few men, but the Australian coach, Bob Dwyer, while exercising a certain caution yesterday, outlined the weaknesses in the present New Zealand team.

Dwyer, far from satisfied with his team's performance despite last weekend's victory over New Zealand in Sydney, suggested that a lack of suitable international competition had induced a slip in All-Black standards in World Cup year.

"Perhaps they haven't played enough decent sides in recent times or made the difficult overseas tours they needed to sharpen up," Dwyer said. "Their last few tours have been to Wales, Ireland and Argentina and that doesn't represent the stiffest opposition. France were disjointed too when they went there."

Dwyer's critical analysis targeted certain key All Black players. Of the flanker, Andy Earl, he said: "Maybe he is getting too long in the tooth." On Richard Loe, the prop: "Never the greatest scrummager. But no one is as good as him in the rolling maul and maybe he's been allowed to remain for that." On Graeme Bachop, at scrum half: "A tidy player but not in the class of David Kirk." On Zinzan Brooke, the No. 8: "Tough and committed but not a Shelford at his peak."

Dwyer added: "The All Blacks were fantastic in 1987 and I'm just not sure they will be as good as that at this World Cup. Kirk was so much better a half back in reading the game and calling the shots. John Gallagher was a real thorn in any team's side and made the whole back line hum. John Schuster was a thoroughly dynamic performer.

"And in 1987 Alan Whetton was in tip-top form. A couple of injuries have not helped them lately but this New Zealand team isn't playing as well as the side of '87. Perhaps too the best teams elsewhere in the world have caught up with them."

Despite his own increasing optimism Dwyer recognises that New Zealand will offer tougher opposition in Auckland when the sides meet again on Saturday week. And he is not as optimistic as his captain Nick Farr-Jones about England's chances against New Zealand in the World Cup.

"I know that Nick said England could beat the Blacks, but I wasn't of that opinion. New Zealand may not be the team they were but they will still be a side to be reckoned with. In terms of intensity, our match with them was another notch up from the games with England and Wales. We were nowhere near as precise against the All Blacks as we were against England but the intensity of it all was perhaps a reason.

"Playing New Zealand doesn't normally worry us. We always think we have a chance to beat them and more importantly they think we can beat them. But too many teams are wary of them and play the jersey, not the players. That is fatal. The Blacks still have enormous determination and resilience and they will exploit ruthlessly any hesitant approach by a side."



Dwyer: dissatisfied

SWIMMING

Early aid for 1992 Olympians

By Craig Lord

THE last four meetings on next season's British grand prix circuit are to be contested in long-course pools at the request of the national team and international swimming community, in order to help swimmers prepare for the Olympic Games.

The series usually takes place in 25-metre pools to coincide with the winter short-course season, but swimmers requested the switch to Olympic-sized pools to increase the number of competitions at 50-metre venues before Barcelona.

To help lift the grand prix's profile and standard, the top 16 swimmers in each event will gain automatic entry to the final leg of the circuit.

GRAND PRIX DATES: November 8-10: Tryst Sports Centre, Cumbernauld (25-metre); November 29 to December 1: Ecclesiastical Life Meet, Gloucester Leisure Centre (25m); January 17 to 19: Leicester Sports Centre (25m); February 14 to 16: Speedo Open Meet, Empire Pool, Cardiff (50-metre); March 6 to 8: Monk International Meet, East Kilbride (50m); March 27 to 29: Monk Multi-Nations Meet, Leeds (50m); April 18 to 19: Edinburgh International Swim Meet and Super Final, Royal Commonwealth Pool (50m).

☐ Florida: Martin Lopez-Zubero, of Spain, set a world record of 1min 57.30sec for 200 metres backstroke at Fort Lauderdale to remove the mark of 1min 58.14, by Igor Polianski, of the Soviet Union, from the record books.

GOLF

Navarro lives up to her pedigree

By Patricia Davies

LAURA Navarro, of Spain, aged 17, was the only player to break 70 in the first qualifying round of the British girls' championship at Whitchurch, Cardiff, yesterday. A 69, four under par, left her three shots ahead of the Scottish international, Janice Moodie, and Charlotta Sorenstam, of Sweden. Nicola Buxton, the English girls' and women's champion, was in the group on 73.

Navarro, who had six birdies, including three in a row from the 11th, comes from a distinguished golfing family. Her father is the professional at El Saler and of his five daughters, one is already a professional. Whenever the Spanish team needs a recruit, a yell in the direction of Valencia — "*Otra Navarro, por favor* (another Navarro, please)" — usually produces the goods.

Maria Olivero, the Argentine champion, who arrived in Cardiff via Whitchurch in Shropshire, had a 79 but at least she was able to play. Caroline Hall, the England international from Filton, was a spectator, nursing the hand she hurt in a fall on Friday. It is out of plaster but still bandaged.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES: 69: L Navarro (Sp). 72: J Moodie (Windyhill), C Sorenstam (Swe). 73: N Buxton (Woodsome Hall), K Burton (Wimbledon Park), A Rogers (The Island), V Vignali (Sp), S Dallongeville (Fr), M McKay (Turnberry), E Knuth (Sp). 74: C Copping (Torquay), J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry). 75: R Nugent (Brookmans Park), A Armas (Canary Islands), B Chretien (Fr), M Hjorth (Swe), A Vincent (Fr). 76: S Jones (Bull Bay), F Rossey (Fr), G Simpson (Cleckheaton and District), A Lindblom (Swe), C Alzelius-Aim (Swe)

Pyman survives scare

IAIN Pyman maintained his ambition of adding the British boys' championship to the Carris Trophy yesterday at Montrose, but he was forced to dig deep into his resources to find a way past Simon Griffiths, of Wentworth (a Special Correspondent writes).

The English strokeplay champion, from Sand Moor, did well to recover from two holes down after three to square the third-round tie on the 8th green.

The pair were still all square playing the 17th, when Pyman drove out of bounds. Griffiths was five feet from the pin in three and looked assured of the hole. Yet, while Pyman holed out from 12 feet for a bogey five, his opponent three-putted. The final hole was halved to give Pyman a one-hole decision.

IN BRIEF

Mansell retained

THE Williams Formula One motor racing team announced yesterday that Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese would continue to be its drivers next season. The pair have won four of the last five grands prix, with Mansell, who has won three times, challenging strongly for the world crown of the Brazilian, Ayrton Senna.

Mansell, second to Senna in the Hungarian gran prix last Sunday, drove for Williams from 1985 to 1988. He rejoined this season.

BOXING: Frank Bruno will be called to attend a special Board of Control hearing "as soon as possible" to decide his future. Reports on the condition of his eyes will be studied at today's regular monthly meeting.

☐ Johnny Graham, of Paddington, has been ordered to defend his southern area cruiserweight title against Everton Blake, of Luton, by the end of October.

SWIMMING: United States swimmers took all five gold medals on the opening day of the pool events in the Pan-American Games.

SQUASH RACKETS: Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, the world No. 1, is expecting a child in January and will be taking a break from competition.

ROWING: Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent will lead Britain's challenge at the world championships starting in Vienna this weekend.

RIFLE SHOOTING: Jeremy Langley, of Exeter, and Antony Ringer, from Norfolk, were at the top of the grand aggregate, with Keith Cunningham, of Canada, as the Canadian rifle championships in Ottawa moved into the opening events of the overall aggregate.

NETBALL

England are poised to compete in Games

By Louise Taylor

ENGLAND are virtually assured of entry to the next Commonwealth Games, if, as is expected, the tournament's Canadian hosts decide to include netball in the itinerary.

In anticipation of netball getting the go-ahead — and thus becoming the first team sport to feature at a Commonwealth Games — the Federation of International Netball Associations (FINA) has ruled that eight countries will comprise; The line up will comprise; Australia and New Zealand (the world's leading two teams); Canada (the hosts); and one from each of the globe's five netballing regions, with England as the obvious, outstanding, European choice.

Malta's hopes of competing in their first world championships in Birmingham in 1995 will be bolstered by a visit from Wendy Thomas, of the All England Netball Association (AENA) this October, which will be dedicated to the development of umpiring skills on the island.

On the same subject, the AENA has encountered problems with the British Council and the Zambian netball association. In the aftermath of a successful coaching visit by the international umpire, Pam Orton, last year the Africans invited her back for a follow-up this year. But Orton is unable to accept and the Zambians are not willing to accept Cheryl Dixon as a replacement.

The AENA will move its headquarters out of London from Victoria to Hitchin, Hertfordshire.

BOWLS

Cleethorpes hit back

GEOFF Plaskitt, who last played for England in 1984, skipped Cleethorpes to a place in the semi-finals of the Woolwich EBA fours championship with a 22-12 win over North Walsham at Worthing yesterday (Gordon Allan writes). The Norfolk rink, skipped by Derek Shorter, led until the twelfth end, where Cleethorpes scored the first of three consecutive threes, going on to win the next five ends.

Today they play Spencers, Melksham, skipped by Andy Moore, who defeated St Albans Townsend 23-17. The other semi-final is between Liberty of Havering and Wokingham.

RESULTS: Third round: Liberty of Havering (Essex) bt Bolton, 23-6; Tarring Priory (Sussex) bt Ilkeston Rutland (Derbys), 24-8; Wokingham bt Holt (Wilts), 31-11; Watford on Avon (Warwicks) bt Hull Road Park (York), 21-20; St Albans Townsend bt Leighton Buzzard, 22-13; Spencer Melksham (Wilts) bt Boscombe Cliff (Hants, skip A Gabbi), 23-13; Cleethorpes (Lincs) bt Hinckley (Leics), 21-20; North Walsham (Norfolk) bt Denham (Bucks), 17-15.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 3, New York Mets 2; Philadelphia Phillies 2, Montreal Expos 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, St Louis Cardinals 3; San Diego Padres 6, Houston Astros 5; Atlanta Braves 2, San Francisco Giants 1. *Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Cincinnati Reds 2.*
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Boston Red Sox 11, Toronto Blue Jays 9; Minnesota Twins 4, California Angels 3; Milwaukee Brewers 14, *Texas Rangers 7; Seattle Mariners 8, Oakland A's 3*

BOWLS

WORTHING: *EBA national championships:* Fours: Second round: Liberty of Havering bt Boscombe Cliff (J Haines), 20-19; Bolton bt Cambridge and County, 22-16; Ilkeston Rutland bt Blackheath and Greenwich, 18-17; Carring Priory bt City of Exeter, 23-19; Wokingham bt *Loughborough Queen's Park, 26-11; Holt bt St Martin's, 32-11; Hull Road Park bt Flitwick, 27-15; Watford-on-Avon bt St Peter's Municipal (D Howells), 27-19; St Albans Townsend bt Chipping Norton, 15-14; Leyton Buzzard bt Jersey Memorial, 19-16; Boscombe Cliff (A Gabbi) bt Smiths Sports, 21-20; Spencer Melksham bt St Peter's Municipal (D Griffin), 19-16; Cleethorpes bt Sotham, 23-20; North Walsham bt Hounslow Sport, 22-19; Hinckley bt Thrapston (T James), 19-16; Denham bt Preston, 39-7.*

BOXING

INGLEWOOD, California: IBF featherweight championship (12 rnds): Manuel Medina (Mex, challenger) bt Troy Dorsey (US, holder), pts.

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: Prologue (5.6km time trial): 1, J Nijdam (Neth), 6min 46sec; 2, F Maassen (Neth), at 7sec; 3, O Ludwig (Ger), at 10; 4, J Talen (Neth), at 11; 5, E Smaluink (Neth), same time; 6, T Marie (Fr), at 16. First stage (Nijmegen to Heeteberger, 181km): 1, Ludwig, 4hr 24min 20sec; 2, W Veenstra (Neth); 3, A Stoff (It); 4, U Resch (Ger); 5, Talen; 6, B Bonnet (Fr), all same time. Overall positions: 1, Ludwig, 4hr 31min 08sec; 2, Nijdam, same time; 3, Talen, at 6sec.

GLIDING

ENSTONE, Oxfordshire: Open class national championships: First day (358km oval): provisional: 1, S Jones (Nimbus 3DT), 121.5kph, 1,000pts; 2, D Elliott (Nimbus 3DT), 114.8, 921; 3, C Rollings (ASH 25), 113.5, 905.
BICESTER: Inter-Services competition: Fifth day: Class A: 1, S Cobb, 81.5kph, 1,000pts; 2, G Lee (Janus), 80.5, 986; 3, P Atkinson, 79.9, 974. Final overall: 1, Lee, 4,827; 2, S Logan (Ventus 2b), 3,976; 3, B Shennan (ASW20BL), 3,851. Class B: 1, N Weir (Astir), 76.6kph, 1,000pts; 2, C Gillies, 73.8, 950; 3, E Wright (ASW15), 904. Overall: 1, Weir, 3,932; 2, Wright, 3,803; 3, C Milton (Astir), 3,398. Class C: 1, B Hutchinson/M Dawson (ASK21), 74.6kph, 1,000pts; 2, W Kay, Ashby bt F Ellis (SA), 5-1. B L'Orange (Nor) bt B Kelly (Ire), 5-1; A Higgins (N Ire) bt A Peacock, 6-0; P Ebdon bt E Sinclair (Scot), 5-1

PAN-AMERICAN GAMES

FENCING: Mens' Team sabre: Cuba bt United States 8-8 (62-55). Bronze medal: Canada bt Venezuela, 9-3.
SHOW JUMPING: Individual: 1, Forever Diamond (B Foster, Can), 8.78pts; 2, Monopoly (S Underhill, Can), 11.50; 3, Zurios (V Alves, Bra), 14.39.
SHOOTING: Men: Air rifle: Individual: F Allen (US), 696pts. Team: United States, 1,680. Skeet: Individual: 1, A Torres (Cuba), 224 (19); 2, D Clark (US), 224 (18). Women: Sport pistol: Individual: M Tarragal (Cuba), 671. Team: Cuba, 1,711.
SWIMMING: Mens' 200m freestyle: E Diehl (US), 1min 49.67sec. 100m breaststroke: H Dersh (US), 1:02.57. Women: 100m freestyle: A Thigpin (US), 55.51sec. 400m individual medley: A Sisac (US), 5min 00.25sec. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: United States 8:11.47.
TABLE TENNIS: Men: Singles: Final: H Hoyama (Br) bt C Kano (Br), 18-21, 21-11, 21-10, 21-19. Women: Singles: Final: I Bhushan (US), bt L Hugh (US), 22-20, 21-10, 21-11.

SHOOTING

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FOOTBALL

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Gillingham 1, Millwall 1. Tranmere Rovers 1, Liverpool 0; Royston 0, Norwich City 6.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Read-ing: Berkshire 224-3dec (G E Lovelday 113 not out, M L Simmons 59) and 175 (A P Pridgeon 5-39); *Shropshire 200-8 dec (J Wright 58, T Parton 64 not out; P J Lewington 4-61) and 165-9 (M R Barker 80). Welsh drawn. Jesmond: Northumberland 161 (S Greenwood 53 not out) and 282 (G R Morris 104, J A Benn 82). Cumberland 175-3 dec (S Sharp 98, K A Hayes 62) and 282-7 (S Sharp 62). Cumberland won by 3 wickets. Hellerton: Oxfordshire 200-8 dec (D A Toseland 36; Cornwall 169-9 (G G Watts 50 not out). Devizes: Dorset 185-9 dec and 211-6 dec (G Reynolds 76, D Simkins 4-52); Wiltshire 156 (S Perrin 67) and 244 (D Turner 55, L Smith 50; S Wallbridge 4-55). Dorset won by 6 runs.*
NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Sheffield Collegiate 175-6 (A Bethell 68); Walsall 176-5 (M Gouldstone 52 not out) Walsall won by 5 wkts. Teddington 203-6 (K Mackintosh 81, W Donald 56); Bent Green 84 Teddington won by 119 runs.
NAYC (UNDER-19 FESTIVAL: At Cambridge: Bedfordshire 191-8; Middlesex 185-0 (Moore 112 not out, Bowen 78 not out) Middlesex won by 10 wickets. Suffolk 245 (A Woods 84, M Holland 54); Northamptonshire 184 (S McMillan 54) Suffolk won by 61 runs. At Oxford: Worcestershire 203-9 (S J Armstrong 5-68); Oxfordshire 204-5 (R Curdnie 108 not out) Oxfordshire won by 5 wkts. Kent 313-4 (J Barr 130, N Mabey 78 not out, S Warley 67); Hertfordshire 300-8 (S Moffat 145, P Bell 58 not out; L Clarke 5-100). Kent won by 13 runs. Berkshire 205-4 (C Braithwaite 125). Shropshire 202-9 Shropshire won by 1 wkt. Hampshire 173 (R Miller 102, L Barnfield 6-66, A Grant 4-48). Cornwall 173-4 (J Nesbitt 81, N Pengelly 54 not out) Match tied. Warwickshire 124; Durham 128-7. Durham won by 3 wkts Buckinghamshire 291-3 (J Harrison 125 not out, G Parkin 89, C Jaggard 59 not out); Derbyshire 189 (M Spencer 94) Buckinghamshire won by 102 runs.
CARDIFF: Welsh Cricket Conference: Cup final: Pontymister 122-2, Blackwood 106-8. Pontymister won by 16 runs.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30pm unless stated

B and O SCOTTISH LEAGUE
Premier division

Falkirk v Aberdeen .....
SKOL CUP
First round
Berwick v Dumbarton .....
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath .....

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich EBA national championships (Worthing); Welsh *mixed pairs championship* (Swansea)

TENNIS

INDIANAPOLIS: United States hard court championships: Men's singles: First round: S Bryan (US) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 7-6, 6-1; B Steven (NZ) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; P McEnroe (US) bt B Pearce (US) 7-5, 6-1; *C Borgstrom (Swe) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-3, 6-3;* A Krickstein (US) bt J Stark (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; R Gilbert (Fr) bt L Martin (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, S Matsuoka (Japan) bt D Witt (US), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; N Marques (Por) bt B Farrow (US), 6-4, 6-4, S Pioscecido (It) bt R Leach (US), 6-3, 6-3; C Pistine (Fr) bt N Borwick (Aus), 6-3, 6-1; T Mayotte (US) bt J Brown (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Pugh (US) bt K Curren (US), 7-6, 5-7 6-3; T Witsken (US) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Volvo international tournament: Men's singles: First round: R Krajicek (Neth) bt C Van Rensburg (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; D Rostagno (US) bt B Garrow (US), 6-3, 6-4; A O'Brien (US) bt J Knek (US), 7-6 6-2; F Roese (Br) bt J Arias (US), 6-4, 6-4; J Siemerink (Neth) bt A Costa (Sp), 6-1, 6-4; M Rosenfeld (Cz) bt T Nelson (US), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; G Pozzi (It) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-0, 1-0, ret; J Frana (Arg) bt M Vajda (Cz), 6-3, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt J Fitzgerald (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; O Camporese (It) bt W Masur (Aus), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; D Masoskins (Br) bt L Pozo (Ingo), 6-4, 7-5; M Kaplan (SA) bt O Goldie (US), 3-6, 6-3, 7-6; M Cheng (US) bt M Rerolors (Swe), 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; *M Rosset (Swez) bt* M Woodforde (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; O Delaure (Fr) bt C Garner (US), 6-4, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt J Grabb (US), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

YACHTING

PUCK, Poland: European windsurfing championships: Men: Lechner: First race: S van den Berg (Neth). Second race: 1, J Hutchcroft (GB); 2, T Stade (Ger), 3, A Ecker (Ger) Third race: 1, M Quinton (Fr), 2, van den Berg; 3, C Maussier (Fr). Raceboard heavyweights: First race: 1, A Hoekstra (Neth), 2, G Cobb (GB); 3, S Dawkins (GB). Second race: 1, Hoekstra; 2, J Bjerking (Swe), 3, G Abkantou (Fr); 5, Dawkins Third race: 1, Hoekstra, 2, D Parras (Sp), 3, P Rochard (Fr), 8, Dawkins. Raceboard lightweights: Third race: 1, A Garces (Sp), 2, J Bodle (GB), 3, P Andersson (Swe) Women: Lechner: First race: 1, M Herbert (Fr), 2, J Burzynska (Pol), 3, V Capart (Fr). Second race, 1, A Herbert (Fr), 2, M Herbert, 3, J Hargen (Nor). Third race: 1, M Herbert, 2, A Hooper*, 3 Burzynska Raceboard * P Tyler (GB) 2 F Alsandreu (Fr) 3, A Drestel (Ger)
TORBAY, Optimist national championship: Third race: 1 N Rogers (Royal Lymington) 2, R Watchus (Neth) 3 C Hopkins (Bewl Valley)

GOLF

MONTROSE: British boys championship: Third round: D Coyle (Dundalk) bt S Hodgson (Kingussie), 4 and 3. J Grundy (Ravn) bt A Campbell (Newmains), 4 and 3, R Burns (Newquay) bt G Sharp (Kilmarnock Barassie), 3 and 2, S Savage (Bn Penge) bt S Armstrong (Ratho Park), 6 and 4. J Rogers (West Byfleet) bt T Carnes (Luton by Chester), 3 and 2. A Reid (*Kilmarnock Barassie*) bt G Thomson (Duddingston), 1 hole. K Nolan (Bray) bt A Gay (Sand Moor), 6 and 5. F Cardwell (Haydock) bt N Bryson (Perth), 4=. A Kellett (Linlithgow) bt M Lillistone (Oad Ashby), 2 holes, G Spring (Thirsk) bt W Bell (Darlington), 6 and 4. A Brolly (R) bt S Clayton (Telford Hotel), 2 and 1. D Hamilton (East Herts) bt C Murray (Kilmarnock Barassie), 2 and 1. S Jarvis (Gog Magog) bt K Law (Fairfax), 2 holes. N Tadkerkhoqat (Bel) wo D Long (Grange Park) scr R Tang (Mountain Lakes) bt R Nixon (Royal Lytham and St Annes), 1 hole, M Rawson (Cheam) bt M Sample (Whitburn), 3 and 2. G O'Flaherty (Cork) bt D Chapra (Hall 4 and 2. C Hand (Swe) bt R Thomson (Dentress), 6 and 5. A Combe (Worplesdon) bt S Drummond (Shirrell), 6 and 5. N Kasouguine (Fr) bt M Foster (Worksop) at 21st, J Logue (Elcsell) bt J. James (Broadstone), at 20th. N Archbold (Kingsthorpe) bt M Butler (Dudley), 5 and 4. J Fenn (Nuneaton) bt C Gibbs (Royal Portrush), 8 and 6. I Bernades (Fr) bt M Sevenage (Tullallan), 1 hole. G Hutcheon (Stornoway) bt P Derry (Trevose), at 23rd. M Lockhart (Inverness) bt A Farmer (Ranturk Castle), 4 and 3. R Coughlan (Bn) bt D Bartlett (Brewster Valley), 4 and 3. P Eccles (Sunningdale Prin) bt D Barrow (Lanybank), 3 and 2. I G Harris (Broome Manor) bt G Cousens (Essendon), 2 and 1. P Gall (Hadwell) bt N Barnes (Forest), 1 hole. I Fulton (Glenbervie) bt D Ingram (Dalmore Forest) at 19th. S Taylor (Dean Wood) bt N Hammonds (Burnham Beeches), 4 and 2. Fourth round: J Grundy bt Coyle, 1 hole. Savage bt Barney, 5 and 4. Rogers bt Reid, 1 hole. Nolan bt Cardwell, 3 and 1. Spring bt Kellock, 1 hole. Brolly bt Hamilton, 6 and 5. Tadkerkhoqat bt Jarvis, 1 hole. Tang bt Rawson 2 and 1
BALLYBUNION: Irish amateur championship: Second round: J Morris (Douglas) bt D Forde (Gort) 4 and 2. D Bailey (Downpatrick) bt D Higgins (Waterville), 2 holes. G Morrison (Nenagh) bt T Cleary (Fermoy) 3 and

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American captain to adopt pragmatic approach

Champion Daly gives Stockton a Cup problem

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

DAVE Stockton, the United States captain, found himself in a dilemma last night as he attempted to complete his selection for the Ryder Cup match against Great Britain and Europe at Kiawah Island from September 27 to 29.

Stockton's problem over which two players to add to the 10 already named or qualified was set by John Daly, the 25-year-old from Arkansas who captured the imagination of the American public by winning the US PGA Championship on Sunday.

Initially Stockton was set to overlook Daly despite his famous win but as he mused on the subject he became increasingly obliged to take a pragmatic approach. Stockton was forced to weigh up how Daly would react to being thrust into the head-to-head competition which has become the determining factor in the balance of power in world golf.

Daly made it clear following the US PGA championship that nothing would inspire him more than the chance to take on the Europeans on the Ocean Course which, like Crooked Stick, where he won on Sunday, was built by Pete Dye.

"No man can image how much desire I have to beat foreigners," Daly said. "I'm tired of them coming over here and winning our tournaments. I'd love nothing more than to have a crack at them at Kiawah."

Stockton had come to a conclusion on which two players he wanted but that was before Daly's astonishing rise from obscurity. He realised that to include him would mean upsetting one of the others.

Stockton, aged 49, had said that this would be the "no fun" moment of his job and it was clearly all that.

Stockton had been looking to perm two from three out of Chip Beck, Tom Kite, and Tom Watson. It seemed that he was certain to bypass Jack Nicklaus as two players had indicated that they did not feel Nicklaus would fit into the team.

Stockton said: "My biggest challenge is finding the two guys who will fit the team rather than to make the team fit two guys. Then after that I have to think of the other thing which is pairing the guys correctly together so that their talents are showcased."

Watson, five times the Open champion, has discussed the match throughout the summer with Stockton. His performance in the Masters, where he pushed Ian Woosnam until taking a six at the 18th at Augusta, put him in the front line at the start of the season. Stockton also has a high regard for Watson's temperament and his fighting qualities.

Kite has the experience although in recent months he has appeared to have lost his touch on the putting green. Beck, however, has played well in recent weeks and that seemed likely to be a decisive factor. Beck also possesses a very compact swing and he strikes the ball on a lower trajectory than most professionals. That could prove significant, too, on the Ocean Course where the wind is likely to howl.

But Stockton was clearly taken by the achievement of Daly at Indianapolis. "It think what he did over there was fantastic and I think he will play in many future Ryder Cups," Stockton said. "But a captain has to be on top of it. It's gotten away from captains just showing up on the day of the tournament and I've been asking all the players to go down there during the summer to see it."

US RYDER CUP TEAM

PAUL AZINGER: Age: 31 Ht: 6ft 2ins Wt 12st 2lbs Turned Pro: 1981. Major championships: None. US Tour wins: 7 US Tour earnings: $4,135,807. Sony World Ranking: 7 Ryder Cup 1989 = Played 4, Won 4, Lost 1 A question over his fitness as he has not played since undergoing arthroscopic surgery on right shoulder in June. If he withdraws, Tim Simpson will replace him

MARK CALCAVECCHIA: Age: 31. Ht 6ft. Wt: 14st 4lbs. Turned Pro: 1981. Major Championships. Open (1989) US Tour wins: 5 US Tour earnings: $3,450,405.Sony World Ranking: 20 Ryder Cup 1987, 1989 = Played 7, Won 3, Lost 4. One of America's longest drivers but ranks only 142nd in accuracy Struggling this year to keep his game together.

FRED COUPLES: Age: 31. Ht. 5ft 11ins Wt. 13st 3lbs. Turned Pro 1980. Major championships None. US Tour wins 5 US Tour earnings $3,826,861. Sony World Ranking: 9. Ryder Cup 1989 = Played 2, Lost 2. Earned third place in Open with last round 64 and possibly America's best golfer without a major championship win. Ranks top three in driving distance Improved putter

HALE IRWIN: Age 46. Ht: 6ft. Wt 12st 7lbs Turned Pro 1968. Major championships US Open (1974, 1979 1990) US Tour wins 19 US Tour earnings $4,485,278. Sony World Ranking: 10 Ryder Cup 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981) = Played 16, Won 11, Lost 4, Halved 1. Twice World Match Play champion, his experience will be invaluable. Leader in driving accuracy on US Tour.



Irwin: experienced

WAYNE LEVI: Age 38. Ht: 5ft 9ins. Wt: 11st 11lbs. Turned Pro. 1973. Major championships: None US Tour wins: 11. US Tour earnings. $3,500,360. Sony World Ranking: 29 Ryder Cup: Debut. Tour's Player of the Year in 1990 when winning four times and $1 million-plus Accurate driver, lacks motivation

MARK O'MEARA: Age 34. Ht: 6ft. Wt: 12st 12lbs. Turned Pro: 1980. Major championships: None. US Tour wins: 6. US Tour earnings: $3,640,836. Sony World Ranking: 15 Ryder Cup: 1985, 1989 = Played 5, Won 1, Lost 4. Rock solid rather than flamboyant. Good in most departments and a particularly good iron player.

STEVE PATE: Age 30. Ht 6ft. Wt: 12st 2lbs. Turned Pro. 1983. Major championships: None. US Tour wins: 4. US Tour earnings: $2,458,605. Sony World Ranking: 27. Ryder Cup: Debut. Question-mark over his driving although recovers well with his irons. Good putting stroke.

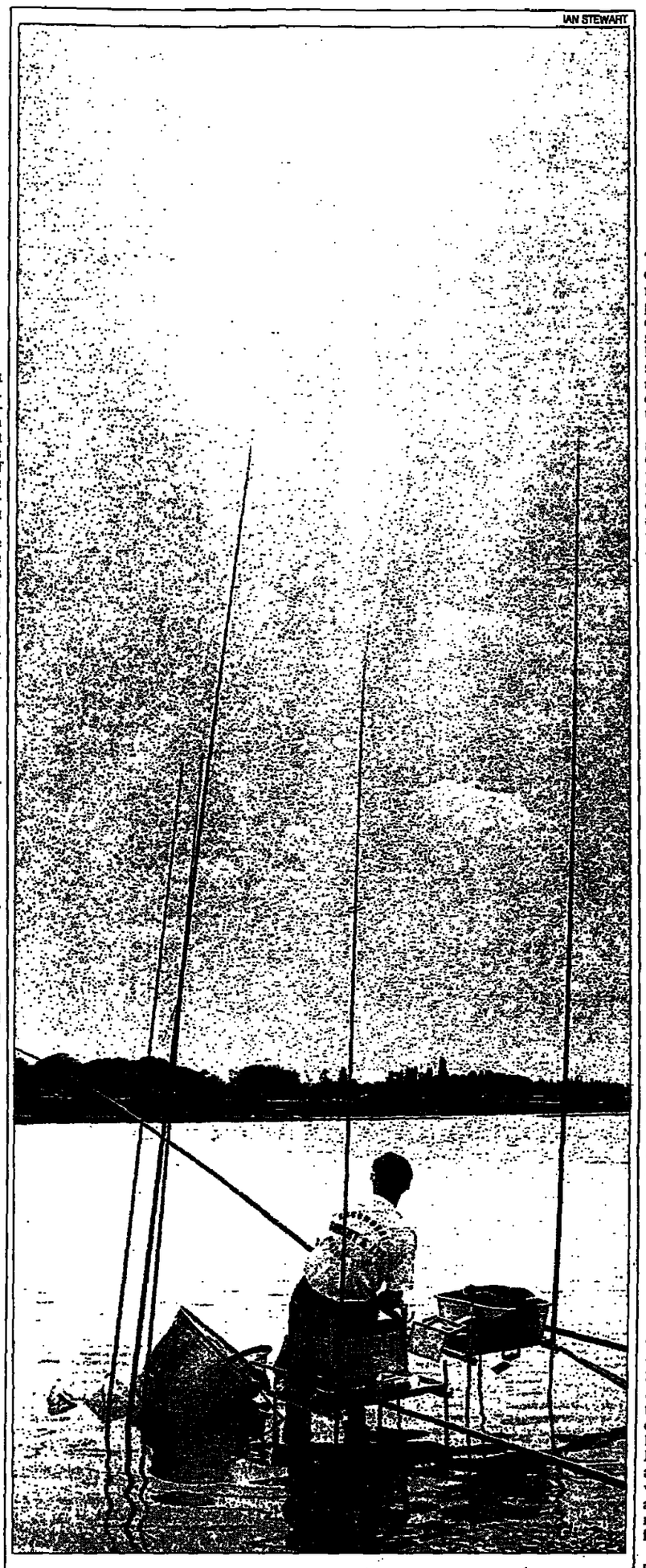
COREY PAVIN: Age 31. Ht: 5ft 9ins. Wt: 10st. Turned Pro: 1981. Major championships: None. US Tour wins: 9. US Tour earnings: $3,139,684. Sony World Ranking: 16. Ryder Cup: Debut. A little guy with a big heart Accurate driver and Tour's number one putter this season.

PAYNE STEWART: Age 34. Ht: 6ft 1in Wt: 12st 7lbs. Turned Pro: 1979. Major championships: US Open (1991), US PGA (1989). US Tour wins: 8 US Tour earnings: $4,968,059. Sony World Ranking: 6. Ryder Cup: 1987, 1989 = Played 8, Won 3, Lost 5 Unquestionably America's current number one although his intoxicating dress contrasts sharply with his sober style

LANNY WADKINS: Age 41. Ht. 5ft 9ins Wt. 11st 6lbs. Turned Pro: 1971. Major championships: US PGA (1977). US Tour wins: 20. US Tour earnings: $5,220,756. Sony World Ranking: 14. Ryder Cup: 1977, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989) = Played 25, Won 15, Lost 9, Halved 1. Much feared opponent because of his aggressive play and never-say-die attitude.

DAVE STOCKTON (Captain) Age 49. Ht 5ft 11ins. Wt: 12st 7lbs. Turned Pro. 1964. Major Championships: US PGA (1970, 1976). US Tour wins: 11. US Tour earnings: $1,275,453. Ryder Cup: 1977 = Played 5, Won 3, Lost 1, Halved 1. His team will be well brief as he has left nothing to chance A meticulous man with one aim: To returned the Ryder Cup to the the PGA of America trophy room.

(Two selections to be made by Stockton).



IAN STEWART

Casting a line on troubled water: surrounded by his selection of poles, Tino Masala, of the Gobert and Lys match team, awaits a bite on the first day of the World Supercup fishing tournament at Holme Pierrepont, near Nottingham, yesterday.

This year's match is likely to be the last held in Britain. Organisers have decided to switch from Britain to the United States from next summer, when the annual event will be staged on the Florida Bypass Canal, off the Crystal River.

Agreement has been reached with Disneyworld to stage the competion at its huge leisure complex in Florida in 1993.

Kevin Ashurst, the longest serving member of the English national team, is favourite to lead his Northern Select team to a second successive victory.

Racing shapes up for a shift in power base

By RICHARD EVANS

THE Jockey Club, which has controlled British racing for more than 200 years, is preparing to give way to a new democratic body to run the sport. A group, chaired by Lord Hartington, the senior steward, is expected to recommend radical changes to the club's stewards within the next two months.

The power-sharing plan coincides with criticism from a Commons select committee, which concluded that racing lacked commercial and democratic credibility and required a "powerful and competent single body to speak for and manage the racing industry".

A team of four, headed by Lord Hartington and including Christopher Haines, the Jockey Club chief executive, has met twice. It is sounding out senior club members, racing executives, trainers, racecourse chiefs and owners as it prepares to end two centuries of rule by a body which has been described as a self-perpetuating oligarchy.

Jockey Club officials will be anxious to make their plans known to the Home Office before Kenneth Baker responds to the select committee report, which advocated that racing should not be allowed to run the £200 million Tote pool betting business until it has put its own house in order.

The Hartington team has identified two options for the future. Hartington and Haines are understood to favour, in principle, the creation of a single authority to run racing.

The proposed authority would consist of a large elected membership from racing and Jockey Club members. An electoral college would be created to elect stewards. A racing board would be formed as a commercial arm. Apart from pooling the assets from the various racing bodies, it would negotiate with bookmakers over the size of their contribution to the sport.

The Levy Board, which collects about £40 million from off-course punters via bookmakers, would be subsumed within the new authority and remain as the collecting agency.

The drawback to the plan is that it requires legislation. A "halfway house" solution also being canvassed is to change the existing ethos of the Jockey Club and to broaden its membership so that a wide range of representatives from the industry could become members. This could be achieved without primary legislation and an electoral college could still be introduced to elect stewards.

The disadvantage with that could be entrenched opinion at Portman Square, which would block changes.

A blueprint into future ruling structures, being prepared by the Horseracing Advisory Council, racing's "think tank", could provide assistance to Jockey Club officials. The HAC's ten-man team, headed by Sir Nevil Macready, is due to discuss proposals within the next three weeks.

Some form of power sharing in racing looks inevitable with key players within the sport required to give up personal power bases.

The Racecourse Association, representing Britain's 59 tracks, would be required to pool its shareholding in Satellite Information Services and other media rights.

The most radical steps will involve the Jockey Club itself. Portman Square would almost certainly be expected to give up the exclusive right to organising the fixture list and rules of racing.

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Associate clubs find their feet

By PETER BALL

THE Associate Members yesterday decided to stand up and be counted with the Football League. Meeting for the only time since the first division elected to form the Premier League under the aegis of the Football Association, the third and fourth division clubs voted to keep the right of appeal against the High Court ruling in the Premier League's favour.

They also called for immediate talks with the second division to "establish the basis for a restructured Football League" and have agreed to do everything to maintain their status as full-time national clubs.

The fourth resolution, "to establish a restructured Football League as the nation's premier competition leading to European qualification", has a sting in the tail. "The prospects of withdrawing from the FA Cup and isolating the Premier League, including in reserve and youth team football, was not ruled out," the League statement concluded.

Even more telling would be a ban on promotion and relegation between the Football League and the Premier League. A structure including Wimbledon, Luton Town, Oldham Athletic and Notts County as part of an elite while excluding Newcastle United, Sunderland, Derby County, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Birmingham City and Bolton Wanderers would lack credibility.

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Gooch basks in reflection of a golden summer

Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, pays tribute to a triumph of leadership by an exhausted and very English captain

THE most powerful emotion portrayed by Graham Gooch's features on Monday evening was not triumph or fulfilment, to which he had every entitlement. It was exhaustion, that insidious fatigue which is kept at bay only by adrenalin. When the action stops, it overwhelms you.

While others in and around the England dressing-room were drinking and, in Philip Tufnell's case, spraying the victory champagne, Gooch went in search of a cup of tea. It was a very English reaction to a very un-English day, a day when West Indies were beaten with more style and conviction than, perhaps, has ever been their fate since the tyrannical reign of four hostile fast bowlers was imposed 15 years ago.

It is necessary to go back a long way to locate an England victory of comparable merit, one which defied logic. Gooch was the author of the improbable tale, but it was not in him to gloat over it. He was, in any event, too tired.

Gooch, it must be said, is an extremely fit 38-year-old, but even for him this five-match series, containing only one of the traditional Sundays off, has been a draining experience. He has given his all, physically and mentally. Quite rightly, he has demanded the same of everyone under him and, contrasting sharply with the mutinous indifference evident in Australia, he has received it.

It has been a triumph of leadership by a man who ended the winter tour questioning if he was up to the job. He can no longer harbour such self-doubts, which few others ever shared, and it would now be appropriate if, within the coming few days, he was confirmed not only as captain against Sri Lanka next week, but for the New Zealand tour and the World Cup this winter.

An oblique comment by Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee, to the effect that no one should assume Gooch will still be in charge even next week until he, Dexter, says so, was generally dismissed as a teasing throw-away in the post-series euphoria. It was, however, no coincidence that Gooch's appointment only involved the five Tests against West Indies.

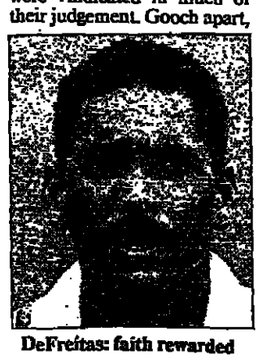
For much of the summer his willingness to extend a touring career which began in 1978 has been in worrying doubt. Gooch first expressed a reluctance to tour again in 1986, after the fraught trip to the Caribbean which followed his South African suspension. The captaincy enticed him back, but he is not a natural traveller nor an enthusiast about the unnatural existence which, for upwards of three months each year, revolves exclusively around airports, hotel rooms and cricket grounds.

It is not the cricket which deters him, for he loves playing the game as much as anyone I know; it is the hours in between. It is not that he is ambivalent about the captaincy, either, for it means more to him than he would ever confess. At heart, though, he is a homebird; he is Essex Man.

Gooch is aware that it would be unrealistic to make himself unavailable for the seven-week trip to New Zealand, where he has never played Test cricket, and then expect to take over again for the World Cup. He has, too, received persuasive counselling from some distinguished former players on the subject, and it is now to be hoped that he will continue in the job until the end of the home series against Pakistan scheduled for next summer.

England need him, that much is certain. Throughout this wonderful series with West Indies, the best seen in this country for ten years, Gooch has been the permanent fixture on whom all around him could rely. His batting, 480 runs at an average of 60, was crucial to the outcome, and his developing skills as a handler of individuals were constantly evident, not least at the very end, when Ian Botham was a more compliant senior professional than at any previous time.

The team which won at the Oval contained only five of the players who won the first Test at Headingley, yet it was not a summer of selectorial turmoil. No more than 18 players were employed and the three selectors, Gooch, Dexter and Micky Stewart, were vindicated in much of their judgement. Gooch apart, only three men saw the series through, but it was a contrasting trio. Atherton played five games for a batting average of 8.77 and must be profoundly grateful it is over, but DeFreitas and Ramprakash were the two most significant gains of the summer.



DeFreitas: faith rewarded

DeFreitas, for so long a frustrating under-achiever, at last fulfilled the faith he has been shown. He was England's most consistently penetrative bowler, his 22 wickets being taken at 20 runs apiece. Before this series, his 48 wickets, in five years of Test cricket, had cost more than 40 runs each.

In Ramprakash, England have a considerable talent for the future, a classical technique matched by great powers of concentration. His achievement in surviving at least an hour in each of his nine innings was quite remarkable.

Lamb, a force against West Indies over three series, declined sadly and has no clear way back. Hick, arriving in a fanfare of expectation, departed confused and exposed; he, at least, will be back to repair his reputation against lesser bowlers than Ambrose, who dismissed him six times.

The reputation of Smith, however, has never been higher. To average more than 50, having played upwards of 50 Test innings, is a rare achievement, and he now exudes command, in addition to his visual determination.

Lawrence has overtaken Malcolm as the favoured fast bowler, and quite properly so. He may not be the thinking man's bowler but he has harnessed improved control and stamina to his whirling willingness. At the Oval, he simply bowled himself into the ground. Pringle, at a more sedate pace, has also had a worthy series, and if the persistence with the limited Illingworth ahead of the gifted but headstrong Tufnell was overdone, the emergence of a real spin bowler was well worth the wait.

A final word about West Indies. They remain a fine, often formidable side, and without Greenidge and Bishop, two sturdy bookends, they sustained a high level of performance after their initial stumble in quite alien conditions at Headingley. Richardson's batting and Ambrose's bowling were magnificent. Richards's captaincy was never less than dignified. The series was conducted throughout in an exemplary spirit. It has, truly, been a golden summer.

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